

Rays of HOPE

"Life gives you many rays of hope all you need is to reflect one"



ANNUAL REPORT 2021
JCSS JHANSI CATHOLIC SEWA SAMAJ

ABOUT US

Jhansi Catholic Sewa Samaj (JCSS), is an Organization of Jhansi Diocese for Social Action established in 1985 has explored its developmental activities in 638 remote villages in 7 districts of Bundelkhand in UP for over 35 years.

JCSS came into existence on October 01, 1985, registered under Societies Registration Act 1860. Since 1985 JCSS has given new hopes and transformed the lives of more than 60-80 Lakh disadvantaged and marginalized communities in the society through implementing programmes and activities related to education, health care, formation and strengthening of a community-based organization, creating platforms for enhancing their talents and leadership qualities, supporting linkages to various departments to avail the benefits and facilitation of training programmes on socio-economic development so that the communities will gain self-confidence, power of decision making, self-respect, self-reliance and ultimately uniting them together at the grassroots level to fight for their rights and dignity.

“ VISION

To up bring a just society where human values are nurtured and dignity of the person and quality of life is upheld.”

MISSION

To capacitate, develop and bring up the poor and oppressed such as women, people living below the poverty line, people with disabilities and excluded community to raise their voice and demand their rights and entitlements to be a part of the society where decisions are taken collectively and resources are distributed equally.





I am pleased to learn that Jhansi Catholic Sewa Samaj (JCSS) intends to present its annual report on activities at the time of the pandemic. According to health scientists, the outbreak has impacted the population of 220 countries and territories. It infected 267 million people and resulted in 5.3 million deaths (Elflein Dec. 2021). Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic is a continuing global pandemic and the countries hardest hit are the United States, Brazil and India. The number of fatal accidents in India is estimated to be 4.75L or greater (myindia.in/covid-19).

Nonetheless in Jhansi, the pandemic situation has not been as cruel as elsewhere due to the vigilance of the district administration, relentless health care of medical and paramedical staff as frontline warriors in the medical college, private hospitals, and nursing homes to the seriously sick infected with the coronavirus. A great deal of support from Non-Governmental Organizations like Jhansi Catholic Sewa Samaj, volunteers and well-wishers extended their helping hands to bolster the confidence and the morale of the direct and indirect victims of the pandemic in Jhansi and its neighbouring districts in Uttar Pradesh.

I can vividly recall how JCSS fostered the spirit of the frantically walking migrant workers, travellers and those who got stranded at one place or another on the north-south corridor in Jhansi due to the enforcement of sudden lockdown across the country. JCSS ran the community kitchen for 76 days for walking it down migrants with the support of the district administration, seminarians, religious communities and the lay faithful.

JCSS also focused on letting people exercise caution against the spread of the virus and undauntedly provided masks, sanitisers, vaporizers, and for the sick made available medical staff, ambulance service, and transportation facility. All these got executed under the guidance of the able leadership of Fr. Johnson Francis who did organise the staff with an indomitable and resolute commitment to sparking the ray of hope in the suffering.

It is my pleasure and privilege to appreciate the director, the staff, and the people of goodwill who

cheerfully came forward to serve without any distinction of creed, caste or colour so that together we could combat the spread of the virus and save lives especially by identifying the neediest. The distribution of ration at the turbulent time to the needy and the poor was a preferential option JCSS engaged in and this noble task continues even till today besides the regularly run projects like Saksham for livelihood, Empowerment Women & Girls, Prayas for organic farming, Shakti for universalization of education and Samvaad for peace-building.

I am confident to declare that JCSS has rendered service par excellence to the most deserving people of the Bundelkhand region in UP. As the President of this organization, this spontaneous outpouring of appreciation wells up in my heart at the backdrop of the critical juncture of peril and the risk of the pandemic. So it is a resultant outflow of what I have personally seen, experienced and witnessed in the works of JCSS.

I know it was not possible to carry out this herculean task without the support of promising civil dignitaries. One of the remarkable persons is Mr. Andra Vamsi IAS the erstwhile district magistrate of Jhansi. All officers of different departments became *Good Samaritans* to the people as in one of the parables of Jesus. Jesus gave the parable of the Good Samaritan to the lawyer who asked him this question [in the Bible], "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus gave the example of the Good Samaritan to him and asked him to "go and do likewise" (Lk 10:37). Indeed the words of Jesus have got incarnated in the works of JCSS that whatever, all in JCSS "did to the least of the brothers and sisters, they did it to Jesus" (Mt 25:40) for the spirit of humanism is always inviolable. Take care and God bless you all.

Most Rev. Peter Parapullil
Bishop of Jhansi



Dear Friends,

Here comes a favourable opportunity to share with you some of the proud and joyous experiences of JCSS in the year 2020-21. This time has been extraordinary as we all have been facing up the Delta variant of Covid-19. Life is still at odds with the pandemic situation. Oh, no doubt JCSS could not stand and stare but forge ahead with determination in service to the people of the concerned areas. The staff of JCSS, volunteers, well-wishers and donor agencies plunged into action with a remarkably unusual commitment to the most affected people like the migrant labourers, daily wage earners, the rural folk and the mourning survivors who lost their near and dear ones.

The first wave of the pandemic made us proactive to reach out to the most vulnerable people with relief materials by providing cooked food, ration kits, sanitisers, masks, medical assistance and self-employment assistance through income generation programmes. At the second wave, it was proved that the year 2021 was a year of losses as well as lessons and it did bring home the lesson that you never know how strong you are as the quote from Bob Marley remind us of *"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."*

All of us lived through real sacrifices and sufferings at this critical juncture. Millions and millions all over the globe experienced the wrath of grief. Its bitterness still echoes and resounds intensely in our minds. The survivors of the pandemic are still struggling with the snag of aftereffects and side effects. It tells us of how small and short is the span of life lest we show off our possessions as symbols of pleasure and prestige.

I have learned of one thing that whatever might happen life has to go on. Our calling is to facilitate and encourage the life of someone or another. Herein lies the real value of life. The determined belief in the power of God as well as ourselves imparted resourceful energy to endure all the sorrows as though they are gifts of this year. Providence as Rays of Hope reigned over the poor and the marginalized. It made them trust proudly in the power of the Rays of Hope.

I round off my message here with a grateful note of indebtedness to all the funding agencies, partners, well-wishers, and communities who always projected warmth, care and concern and encouraged the JCSS team to sparkle the rays of hope in the service of *"my neighbour."*

Fr. Johnson Francis

OUR RAYS OF HOPE

You only need one Ray of Hope and you will see Light everywhere.

Hope what a powerful word!!! When our life travels undesirably and unpredictably; when we lose our dear one amidst our happiness journey, when our mind and pocket become empty and where life turns to a question paper without any competition. All we need in our life is hope.

Interestingly God will send someone as a Ray of Hope to us in those moments to lift us from the sea of sorrows to the valley of happiness.

In the life of some needy people, JCSS also could act as the Ray of Hope to rejuvenate their lives.

FARMERS THE BACKBONE

Farming is a remarkable part of the economy in India, as it adds about 17% of the absolute GDP. It gives employment to over 60% of the population. Farmers are an important part of the existence of various societies because they provide food and fibre which gives us nutrition and clothing. The condition of most farmers is terrible. About 80% of farmers in India are marginal (less than 1 hectare) or small farmers (1-2 hectare) category. Every day, there are reports of Indian farmer suicides from different parts of the country. People sitting in air-conditioned rooms are formulating policies to rectify the problems of farmers.

It's our responsibility to stand with them for their prosperous life. JCSS succeed in building rapport with the small and marginal farmers in various villages and united them by establishing Farmer's Clubs and SHGs. Through the groups, we help them out to address their issues and provide awareness in the areas they were ignorant of. They recognize the benefits of networking with public sectors to entitle their rights. Now the one who belongs to our target groups is capable of addressing their problem to resolve it on their own with proper measures.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ACTIONS	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES
Meetings with FC	209	3209
Training on Livestock Management	38	660
Fodder Demonstration	20	742
Fodder Management Training with Animal Husbandry	30	942
Networking KVK Research Centre	5	58
Crop Demonstration	18	372
Training on Water conservation	37	786
Training on Soil Testing	39	90 samples
Training on Water Testing	20	117 samples
Training on Govt. Schemes of Farmers	20	647
Exposure visit of farmers to Grass land Agriculture Education Research Centre	1	48
Vaccination for Animals	39	5037
Seed Distribution	20	611
Matka Khad [Pot compost]	20	95
Vermi Compost	20	29 Compost
Trenches	35	105
RF	20	25 SHGs
CCL	20	25 SHGs
Networking [ADO, NLRM, Doctors, VDO,SDM, Dist. Yuva Kalyan Adhikari etc]	36	147
Networking in Godown Beej bandar, Block and bank	18	111
Gram Sangatan Meeting	4	353
Networking in School, Hospital and Media	22	114
Mahila Mangal Dal	6 villages	90
Yuvak Mangal Dal	8 villages	123
Networking with Veterinary Doctor	6	38
Networking in Seed bank	17	43
Networking with forest department	5	58
Labour card	20	67
Golden card	20	30
Training and follow up for forming JLG, FC, FPO.	16	896
Training on grain and seed exchange/ seed bank.	5	75
Training on organic manure/ growth promoters/ pest management	5	384
Training on Sustainable Agriculture Practices	5	325
Model creation of Integrated Organic Farming	5	5
Model Oxygen Belt, roadside plantation.	3	135
Construction of 7000 WAT (1.5 x 0.6x 0.3 meter)	500 (1500)	300

Trainings for PRIs on their roles/responsibilities with respect to ensuring access to rights of the community	5	353
Training on Micro plan preparation.	8	520
Meeting of CBO members (SMCs, VHSNCs, CBOs) on their roles and responsibilities	7	115
Training on govt. schemes (livelihood and food security) 10/partner+	10	673
Linkages & networking with Govt. Departments	1	35
Trainings on Social Audit for Social Audit Forum, PRI and CBO members	5	127
Trainings for CBOs on RTI and handholding support to process the application	5	289



WONDER WOMEN

Almost every country, no matter how progressive has a history of ill-treating women. In other words, women from all over the world have been fighting and struggling to reach the status they have today. While the western countries are still making progress, third world countries like India still lag in Women Empowerment.

In Uttar Pradesh, women empowerment is needed more than ever, Uttar Pradesh is amongst the all states in India which are not safe for women. There are various reasons for this. Firstly, women here are in danger of honour killings, all girls are not allowed to pursue education, freedom and property rights are often refused to them, in addition to this child marriage and domestic violence are also prevalent. A package of inequalities!

As members of a social work organization, we have to address the problems of some victims from our surroundings. The best way to succeed for women is to help them to identify their strengths. They need our support to be free from the four walls of the kitchen.

By God's grace JCSS enabled some women to empower and is still working for them to ensure their participation in the mainstream of society. Through effective rapport building JCSS formed SHGs of women in all the targeted villages and adolescent girls' groups in targeted villages. Through these groups, JCSS provides them various awareness sessions to strengthen their unity, understands their values and works for their growth.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ACTIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Self Help Groups	56	672
Adolescent Girls' Groups	28	420
Women's Day	1	320
Adolescent Girls' Day	1	163
Tailoring Training	4	60
Beautician Training	2	30
Kitchen Garden	66	574
Workshop on Women's Health Issues and Care	4	400



WE ARE THE FUTURE

Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future.
-Nelson Mandela

According to studies and census, each year in Uttar Pradesh almost 380,000 children die before the age of five by falling victims to malnutrition, diarrhoea etc. and one in every two children in the state is stunted. Children are leaving schooling for work to overcome utter poverty and hunger.

Children are the assets and the hope of the nation. So creating a healthy and safe childhood for them is inevitable. To ensure a bright future for the little ones JCSS puts effort at the grassroots level and initiate programmes for them by calling for the attention of the parents. The team motivates the parents through the door to door counselling and generates awareness among them as regards the situation of their children, the importance of providing proper care to differently-abled children, the significance of education and how the healthy growth of children influences the growth of the nation etc. JCSS established children's parliaments with groups of disabled children in some of their target villages and through the groups working for their progress.

ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ACTIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Children's Parliament	16	200
Adolescent Girls' Group	20	240
Youth Group	16	190
Career Guidance	16	250
Leadership Training	16	300
Sports Day	1	60
Children's Day	1	350
Youth Day	1	100
Exposure Visit	1	25
Adolescent Girls' Day	1	250
Non-Formal Education Centers	17	525
Medical Camp	2	226

Story Telling Competition	4	20
News Paper Reading Competition	4	25
Current Affairs Quiz	4	100
Training on Life Skills	16	250
Parent's Counseling	16	456
Teacher's Day	1	150
Swatch Bharath Abhiyan	16	55
Medical consultation/ Examination	1	38
Medication		5
Physiotherapy		12
Speech therapy		11
Crutches	1	2
Preschool		4
Primary Education		44
Secondary Education		18
Home Visit and Child Counseling		
Home Visit and Parents' Counseling		
Participation in Self Help Groups for Youngsters		
Recreation Leisure and Sports		
Awareness Creation on Inclusive Education at the community level		

YES, INDEPENDENT!

Being financially independent is one of the greatest joys in everyone's life. Unfortunately, some are unable to realize the dream of being independent in their entire lifetime due to various circumstances. JCSS found some aspirants who are in need and determined to be self-reliant; the team supported such people to initiate sustainable income generation startups by understanding their abilities.



ACTIVITY	NUMBER OF ACTIONS	BENEFICIARIES
Petty Shops	6	24
Goat Rearing	12	48
Poultry	8	32
Egg Shop	5	20
Ladies Stores	1	5
Drum	1	5
Construction Tools	1	8
Piggery	1	5
School Uniform Stitching Centre	3	20
Community Service Centre	1	
Vegetable Cultivation	3	15
Buffalo Rearing	3	15

FOUGHT OF SURVIVAL

The fight against COVID-19 once again proves that the vision of building a community with a shared future is the right path for mankind to tackle challenges and build a better world. The second wave of COVID-19 taught us some great lessons for life. As like the first wave in the second wave also JCSS extended hands to the needy through Ration Kits and Basic Medicine Kits besides these the team could organize vaccination drives with the collaboration of DMO in Jhansi and adopted 60 villages in Bangra, Gurusarai and Babina Blocksto ensure the safety of the marginalized ones through immunization.



2665 RATION KITS

800 MEDICAL KITS

38235 VACCINAED

REFLECTION ON RAYS

THE WARRIOR

The lockdown in India has certainly been effective in slowing the transmission of the corona virus but as same as it altered the way we lead our lives.

The impacts of lockdown were various from individuals to individuals. Some struggled from psychological stressors from loneliness. Fortunately, JCSS has a good medical network to help them out.

If we say genuinely; the effect of lockdown hits harshly to the marginalized daily waged people. Most of the people lost their hopes towards life and struggled to satisfy their daily basic needs. Meantime most of the Social Relief Centers and government started to address the problems of the citizens. JCSS also took the initiative to address the same.

Mr Mukesh Yadav (COVID SAMARITAN of JCSS) himself came forward as a volunteer to work for the poor as a hand of hope with JCSS. He helped JCSS to reach out to the needy ones' lives in the outskirts of villages through Dry Ration Kits and Medical Kits. He helped the team to execute the distribution process effortlessly by building awareness on the ill effects and precautions of COVID-19 to the people. For satisfying the awareness generation he distributed the pamphlets issued by JCSS and he visited more than 250 houses and provided them with awareness talks and he motivated people to get vaccinated.

During the peak time and now as well Mukesh has been putting effort to build up awareness to the public over the phone by utilizing his valuable personal time and through calls, he reached 119 households within 3 months.

He stood with JCSS as the first and last to succeed the Vaccination Drive organized by JCSS with the collaboration of DM as a success. 20 people partially and 5 people were fully vaccinated from the camps only because of the effort and concern of Mukesh. Apart from this, he helped the team to arrange the camp set up and managed the public. More than 10000 people benefitted from the vaccination drive. It is rare to find personalities like Mukesh, who renders his maximum support and time for the good of others without expecting anything. Thanks to Mukesh Yadav for his selfless service.

I'M POSSIBLE

Rahul Rajak is a member of an ordinary farmer family in Dank Bangla village of Talbehat Block of Jhansi District. He was a man full of ambitions and his inventiveness and initiation were noticed by JCSS in the initial phase of their collaboration with his village. He renders his service to strengthen the ideas and actions of JCSS at the grassroots level.

Gradually JCSS found that he was also one among the 32.03 % of unemployed youth in India. JCSS considered his situation and provided financial assistance to start up a general store. He utilized the amount received as capital and launched the same in his village. His interest and loyalty paid off; the store was accepted by the community within no time. Now Rahul is earning around 600 rupees per day and he is capable of supporting his family. All the family members are so grateful and happy about his growth.



Glimpse



SAMBAD PROJECT
COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION ORIENTATION
ON 10/10/2021 Date: 10/10/2021
Organized by: Jhansi Catholic Seva Samaj
Supported by: Caritas India New Delhi



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IDCYD PROJECT
HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP FOR
THE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY
Date: 10/10/2021 Venue: St. Mary's Hospital, Tilaknagar
Organized by: JHANSI CATHOLIC SEVA SAMAJ (JCSS)
Supported by: CARITAS INDIA (FUNDRAISING)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.03.2021

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
RS.	P.	RS.	P.
To OPENING BALANCES: (As on 01.04.2020) (As per books of Accounts)			
(i)	<u>FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION A/c</u>		
	Cash in Hand	2,090.39	
	With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 143101004085	649,991.31	
	With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 1431101021861	6,288.00	
	With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 1431101021862	1,639,474.00	
	With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 1431101021862	21,238.00	
	<u>GENERAL A/c</u>		
	Cash in Hand	98.70	
	With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 1431101005015	292,678.52	
	FDR's with Canara Bank	303,331.00	
			6,122,099.00
			<u>1,040,354.00</u>
			770,000.39
			877,829.00
To FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNTS			
(i)	<u>FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION RECEIVED:</u> (Project wise Details Annexed as per Annexure)		
	For Rural Development	6,802,816.00	1,862.00
	For Welfare / Empowerment of women	1,029,640.00	21,860.00
	For Welfare of Physically mentally Challenged Children	768,924.00	
	For Welfare of the Schedule Cast	1,385,755.00	31,514.00
			<u>55,236.00</u>
(ii)	<u>BANK INTEREST ON S.B. A/C</u>		
	For Rural Development	37,531.00	
	For Welfare / Empowerment of women	3,867.00	
	For General Purpose	97,290.00	
			138,688.00
To GENERAL ACCOUNT			
	Local Contribution Received	358,715.00	
	Collection for Hunger & Disease Campaign	38,791.00	
	Donation Campaign for Food "say yes to love"	367,448.74	
	Grant from Indian Development Foundation	90,000.00	
	Collection of Relief Fund for Covid-19	397,500.00	
			94,609.00
			29,643.00
			67,091.00
			800.00
			80,924.00
			279.00
			217.00
			155,640.00
			8,000.00
			100,000.00
			500.00
			3,050.00
By FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION UTILIZED: (Project wise Details Annexed as per Annexure)			
(i)	For Rural Development	4,607,300.00	
	<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>		
	Solar Plant	1,100,666.00	
	Solar Power Pump	210,000.00	
	Motor Bike	91,133.00	
	Two Wheeler	78,000.00	
	Laptop	35,000.00	
(ii)	For Welfare of Empowerment of Women		
(iii)	For Welfare of Physically mentally Challenged Children		
(iv)	For Welfare of the Schedule Cast		
(v)	<u>ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES</u>		
	Bank Charges	1,862.00	
	Legal Expense	21,860.00	
	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance	31,514.00	
			<u>55,236.00</u>
By GENERAL ACCOUNT			
	Electricity Work		
	Office Maintenance		
	Building Repairs & Maintenance		
	Printing & Stationery		
	Vehicle Repair & Maintenance		
	Bank Charges		
	Postage/Photocopies/Photographs		
	Expenses on relief work of Covid-19		
	Refreshment Expenses		
	Issue Settlement		
	Registration Fees for CWD		
	Travelling & Conveyance		
			94,609.00
			29,643.00
			67,091.00
			800.00
			80,924.00
			279.00
			217.00
			155,640.00
			8,000.00
			100,000.00
			500.00
			3,050.00



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Doantions & Charity 38,799.00
 Labour Charges 4,700.00
 Insurance Vechicle 13,725.00

By CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROJECT :

CLAD by IGSSS	35,200.00
Holistic Development	32,905.00
PRAYAS Project by MANOS UNIDAS	65,610.00
Vistar by IGSSS	17,000.00
UKSVK, Agra	4,000.00
CARITAS For Hunger Disease	10,000.00
Pontifical Mission Organisations CDOJ	10,000.00
	<u>174,715.00</u>

By CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Solar Power Plant	31,906.00
Inaugral Brass Lamp	15,000.00
	<u>46,906.00</u>

By CLOSING BALANCES:(As on 31.03.2021)

(As per books of Accounts)	
(I) FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION A/c	
Cash in Hand	1,100.00
With S.B.I S.B. A/c No. 40074097032	
With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 143101004085	1,611,965.31
With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No. 1431101022665	1,966,321.00
(II) GENERAL A/c	
Cash in Hand	132.70
With Canara Bank S.B. A/c No.1431101005015	537,129.26
FDRs with Canara Bank(As per List)	535,288.00
	<u>4,651,936.27</u>

TOTAL	RS.	RS.
	<u>14,337,052.66</u>	<u>14,337,052.66</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

"We have examined & audited the above statement from the books of accounts maintained on cash basis and found the same to be in accordance therewith as per information given and explanations furnished to us, in our opinion the said accounts give a true and fair view & Subject to Our Separate Report in Form No.10-B."

PLACE : LUCKNOW
 DATED : 01.09.2021

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
 AUDITOR'S



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IN LOVING MEMORY

For all it is extremely scary to step out of the door during the horrific period of the pandemic but we have heard countless stories of kindness when we started to destruct the COVID-19 situation. JCSS's annual report would be incomplete without saying and thanking one of our greatest COVID WARRIORS our dear Rev. Fr. Mathew Kumbalathparambil.



His selfless and fearless service was there with JCSS from the first wave itself and continued the same in the period of the second wave as well to feed the starved ones.

Thank you, dear Fr. for putting yourself on the path of danger to save others. This is what it means to build a beautiful legacy. We will hold you in our hearts forever. Thank you, Fr. for everything.