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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the organization was held on 10th May, 2023. All the members of the organization and other guests attended the meeting. The Chairman presented the activities during the period from 01st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023 of the organization. The copy of the audited accounts was distributed among the members of showing the receipt and payments during the referred period. The Chairman explained the targets achieved by the organization. He told that our organization has achieved the desired goals and objectives. During this year the organization has completed all its projects and programs in scheduled time. The chairman has set the goals and objectives for the future. He also emphasized upon the efficient and effective way for the achievement of these goals. The projects and programme completed during this year are given below.

1. WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

GraVESS strongly believe that women and children are real strength of our country. Without their empowerment the country cannot progress as they are more than half population of the country. The basis of the well being of society as a whole is gender equity. Ensuring a women's rightful place in her home and society has a far reaching goal in our country. GraVESS has placed woman in equal position with man in all its working and programmes. The core of GraVESS initiatives toward gender equity however has been realized also in the shape of women's Self Help Groups (SHG) which have been formed by the team of GraVESS in rural and urban areas of Aligarh and Hathras district. With each new group a few more women find their voice and identity as they move towards self reliance and employment. The GraVESS team motivates the women of these Self Help Groups for adopting self employment as per their strength and ability. Some of them have achieved the goal of empowerment and improved their economic and social status. The efforts of GraVESS NGO are becoming successful in over all development of women and children. The advocates of GraVESS provide free legal guidance and services to the women and parents of suppressed children of the society. By the efforts of GraVESS and other local govt. authorities the problem of child labor has been minimized in Aligarh and Hathras districts.

2. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMME:

The motto of GraVESS is to increase the literacy rate among the persons and children of the country. For this purpose the team GraVESS has selected four districts i.e. Aligarh, Hathras, Bulandshahar and Etah. 224 camps of education awareness programmes had been organized in total by GraVESS NGO during this year. The organization had followed the non-formal education, alternative method of education and innovative method of education for the illiterate children and persons of these areas. In order to better equip the children of rural and urban areas to face the various challenges of today's world, life skills workshops were conducted. The topics covered, the benefit of education, effect of tobacco and smoking, hygiene and sanitation system of their areas, difference between good and bad, how to protect against sexual abuse etc. in these camps GraVESS spreaded the awareness about education so easily that the people have approached for formal education in different schools nearby their locations of living. The poor and other marginalized groups of the society are getting involved in educational activities who are illiterate. They want education in the age of maturity which they could not got it in the early age of child. The people have known the benefits of education. GraVESS team is very much pleased after seeing the fruitful results in the rural and urban areas in the field of education. By its own efforts GraVESS has provided a new dimension to the education awareness programme by offering non-formal education to the children of poor, backward and other marginalized group and self help group families. The children of these groups are not fortunate that all of them can attend the school due to economic and other factors. This non-formal education programme ensures to make aware them about the benefits of education in our society. They are given the right knowledge even if they go to different schools or don't attend any school. Our mentors motivate these families for the formal education also. The impact of our effort has changed the thinking and attitude of these families of poor, backward and marginalized groups and they have approached to various schools nearby their villages and get admitted their children for formal education. This non-formal education programme of GraVESS aims to provide functional literacy among the illiterate people and promote school enrollment and prevent drop-out.

3. VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

GraVESS makes the people skilled by imparting the vocational and skill development training in different areas. The organization has been impaneled under Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission (UPSDM), Uttarakhand Skill Development Mission (USDm), Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS), National Digital Literacy Mission (NDLM) and State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) for imparting the vocational and skill development training in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Beauty Culture & Hair Dressing, Garment Making, Electronics, Construction, Toys Making, Banking & Accounting and Food Preservation. The organization is imparting training in 07 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Aligarh, Hathras, Etah, Bulandshahar, Unnao, Muzaffarnagar and Saharanpur 21 training centers has been established by the organization in Uttar Pradesh for imparting the Vocational and Skill Development training in different trades. 1590 trainees of different trades have been completed training in respective trades as per their choice of these centers. This includes the candidates from SC/ST, Minorities, Backward Communities, women, poor and below poverty line (BPL) categories.

4. REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED:

GraVESS NGO is engaged in the programmes that change common perception and attitude of differently abled persons. It provides professional care and a range of specific services to the beneficiaries. It provides effective and emotional development through its organization Aastha Rehabilitation Centre at Jagat Farm, Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar. This centre is engaged in the treatment of physically and mentally challenged persons at very nominal cost. The services at this centre are free for the poor. This centre helps and cures such disabled persons by providing quality treatment and emotional care to them so that they may back in the normal live which is their human right. The organization purchased the items/fitting of aid and appliances to the poor disabled persons and distributed to them free of cost. The main aim of GraVESS is to raise the awareness among the persons about the physically and mentally challenged persons so that they do not get separated in the society and feel alone themselves. So many disabled persons have been cured at this centre. The organization is very successful in providing the full support to such persons for returning into normal life.

5. LEGAL AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS AWARENESS PROGRAMME:

In this programme the rights of poor and other marginalized groups are protected. GraVESS NGO cares about the legal rights of these groups. This programme is very much concerned for the protection of human right of such marginalized people free of cost. Our Advocates fight for these communities if their rights are violated by the society or government authorities. These marginalized people feel that someone is caring and fighting for their rights. The organization has conducted 63 Human Rights Awareness Camps in Aligarh, Hathras, Etah, Kasganj and Bulandshahar districts.

6. SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:

GraVESS NGO has been empanelled for Self Help Groups (SHG) formation in the scheme of Social mobilization and Institutional Development (SM & ID) under National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) by State Urban Department Agency (SUDA), Uttar Pradesh this year. In this year the organization has formed 30 Self Help Groups (SHG) from the slum areas of Aligarh Nagar Nigam. GraVESS initiates its process of development of the people by forming self help groups of marginalized poor and backward people in rural and urban areas. Apart from financial achievements and increasing the role of women in household finances, these Self Help Groups have achieved the goal of integrated community development. A marked change in attitude towards education has emerged after the awareness programmes conducted by GraVESS in the rural and urban areas of Aligarh and Hathras Districts. Survey for identifying the eligible people for the formation of Self Help Groups(SHG) was conducted in both the district. The development of overall linkage has seen an increase in the know of people taking advantage of Institutions like Hospital, Schools, Ration Shops, Bank, Panchayat and Zila Panchayat.

7. YOGA AND NATURE CURE PROGRAMME:

Yoga is a set of techniques useful for achieving fitness in daily life and prevention and cure of some specific diseases or disorders. Naturopathy can be termed as the science of holistic health, creating a balance with the nature and a positive living. Naturopathy believes in the holistic approach of health, which can be achieved by following the laws of nature, rules of good conduct and developing a philosophical attitude and practicing meditation and yoga. Naturopathy believes that unless there is harmony between body, mind and spirit, one cannot enjoy healthy life. GraVESS through Dr. Rana's Aastha

Physiotherapy and Nature Cure Clinic, Jagat Farm, Greater Noida is engaged in making the people aware with yoga and naturopathy. The main aim of this Yoga and Nature Cure Programme is space of mind and a more positive outlook to life of the people of our society. At this centre the people have taken many benefits from yoga and naturopathy specialists, as this brings down stress and enhance power of relaxation, boosts physical strength, stamina and flexibility, helps in rehabilitation of old and new injuries, boosts functioning of immune system, enhances posture and muscle tone, improves blood circulation and infuses a sense of balance and internal harmony.