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## The 34th Annual General Meeting of Calcutta Centre Mahavir Seva Sadan

# Secretary's Report

Respected Members, I welcome you all at the 34th Annual General Meeting of Mahavir Seva Sadan. As we move ahead of another milestone, it gives me great pleasure to share with you some of our recent experiences, achievements and challenges.

Learning from the years of experience and looking forward to the journey ahead, we are poised to walk the road to a promising future. Our approach is defined by a mission set for ourselves. We are looking at every nook and corner to draft and craft an array of initiatives to bring holistic development in the lives of our beneficiaries.

We feel blessed to have come across many stories of hope and transformation over the past 34 years. Our journey began in the year 1985 with FREE supply of artificial limbs to a few beneficiaries which today stands at 277669 beneficiaries being served as compared to 243939 beneficiaries last year, an increase of 33730 for the year 2018-19.

As we acknowledge the enormity and scope of work ahead of us, we will continue to strive vigorously to empower our beneficiaries with our free services.

As we present this report, we thank all our donors, well wishers, members, our beneficiaries, corporates and the community at large, who have extended unwavering support to us in all capacities, making our aspirations achievable. As we embark on the journey ahead, I welcome you to be a part of our endeavors and drive positive change for the future of our beneficiaries.

I place before you my Report for the year ending 31.03.2019 together with our audited accounts for the financial year 2018-19 which I hope are in your hands and are self explanatory. It has been a year of achievements and this annual report outlines our progress towards our goal and our motto "Dare to Dream". It also gives me immense pleasure to inform you that our Sadan is financially in very good health. Our Hon. Treasurer Shri Manoj Kumar Mohnot shall highlight the important features in the final accounts. Despite his busy schedule, Shri Manoj Kumar Mohnot has devoted much of his time in looking after the financial aspects & taxation matters of MSS. I thank him for that.

## Services provided by the Sadan during the year April, 2018 to March, 2019.

# Artificial Limbs, Calipers, Hands etc.



As has been our aims & objectives for the last 34 years, we regularly provide artificial legs, hands, calipers, moulded shoes etc to the physically challenged from our state of art workshop and apart from these, regular camps are organized at our Sadan for free supply of the above, such camps being sponsored by various social philanthropic organizations, corporates as well as individuals. I convey my thanks to Shri R K Tenani, Goutam Roy & other technical staff who has been handling our workshop very efficiently. Foreign visitors, visiting MSS, have also shown keen interest in the work done by us in the field of disability, thus generating goodwill for MSS in their countries.

As always, the challenges have been many, but as our vision gets transformed to veracity, many hurdles are watered down. I take this opportunity to place on record our gratitude and thanks to all our sponsors namely Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, Kanaklata Santosh Dugar Foundation, Jamunadhar Saraf Charitable Trust, HPCL Mittal Foundation, Sunder Devi Laxmi Devi Parakh Trust, Dr C J Desai & Jaswantiben Desai Foundation, H P Budhia Charitable Trust, Indrawati Devi Bagrodia Charitable Trust, Jhumarmal Dugar Charitable Trust, Upkar Foundation, AMPL Foundation, Lions International Dist 322B2, Cuprum Bagrodia Ltd, Maithan Steel & Power Ltd, Nipha Charitable Trust, The District Magistrate, Bankura, Shanti Devi Goel Charitable Trust, Shri Beharilal Jain Charitable Trust, KBD Foundation, Manav Seva Sansthan, Rupa Foundation, Savitri Devi Bansal Charitable Trust, Beriwala Seva Trust, Jai Balaji Industries Ltd, Jekunver Kantilal Odhavji Mehta Charitable Trust, Lux Industries Ltd, Round Table India Area 4, Tantia Jana Seva Nidhi, Singhvi Charitable Trust, Modern Real Tiles Pvt. Ltd, Silverton Metals Pvt. Ltd, Kundanmall Nahata Memorial Trust, Anil Patodia Foundation, S V Social Welfare Foundation, Nilesh Neha Desai Charitable Trust, Ginodi Devi Charitable Trust, Bungesu Hari Laxmi Foundation and many others. Their sponsorship has helped us hugely in achieving our goal of serving mankind. I thank the trustees of Jamunadhar Charitable Trust & Shri Sunil Garg for donating to our cause every month without any obligation.

We also express our gratitude & thank our Patron Shri R L Parakh & Shri S R Singhvi, Advisory Board Member Shri Vinodji Bagrodia for sponsoring various camps from time to time.

We also thank Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for sponsoring caliper beneficiaries, polio surgeries during the year & providing scholarships to the handicapped children on 26th January & 15th August each year since the beginning of our activities and continuing till date. They were also kind enough to sponsor various out station camps with the help of Rotary International.

Maharaja Agrasain Dham in association with MSS has been serving artificial limb beneficiaries at Bagnan, Howrah since the year 2017. I thank Shri Surya Prakash Bagla & our E C Member Shri Binod Chhaochharia for taking this initative for which beneficiaries residing in those areas have benefitted immensely.

# Out Station Camps :

We take pleasure in announcing that during the year 2018-19, MSS has organised 22 out station camps within West Bengal as well as in other states throughout India & abroad. Camps were held at Podhari & Birgunj in Nepal, Amravati, Chirkunda, Visakhapatnam, Bhatinda, Sikar, Sujangarh and other places where a total of 2713 prosthetics were delivered to the physically challenged. I thank our Executive Committee member Shri Srikrishna Tulsianji for his responsibility in overseeing the smooth running of the outstation camps as Camp Convener.

# <u>C P Children Unit</u> :



It is a known fact that there's no cure for cerebral palsy but resources and therapies can help kids grow and develop to their greatest potential. Keeping this in mind the Sadan started a Free Cerebral Palsy Children Welfare Unit in the year May 2013. The unit is handled by qualified Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Counselor, Speech Therapist and Special Educator. As results of rehabilitation of these C P Children far exceeded our expectations, a conscious decision to expand this free service to a larger scale was made. MSS has therefore decided to open its

Dream Project named as "Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation & Research Centre" near IIM Joka.

I would like to thank E C Member Shri Vinay Sethia, Smt Amrao Devi Sethiya, Smt Lata Nevatia and Smt Srikanwari Choraria for undertaking the responsibility of overseeing the unit's functioning which they are doing with utmost care.

# <u>Eye Care Unit</u> :



Our eye unit, with the latest eye testing machines, remains open twice a week every Sundays and Wednesdays. The unit has attained good popularity on account of free cataract surgery done to the poor & needy. Free spectacles are also distributed to our needy beneficiaries. I thank Shri Girdharilalji Sultania for sponsoring these surgeries at M P Birla Eye Clinic. Since last July, MSS has introduced a "Mobile Eye Care Van" to carry out eye testing, free distribution of spectacles and medicines and arranging free cataract surgery at reputed eye hospitals. Our van travels to all parts of the country to conduct such camps. The year

2018-19 witnessed 17 camps being held where more than 10000 patients were benefitted. I thank Shri Abhay ji Firodia Chairman of Force Motors for donating the Mobile Eye Care Van and Arham Enterprise, Shri Beharilal Jain Charitable Trust, Shanti Devi Goel Charitable Trust, Sanwarmullji Shroff Gayatri Devi Shroff & Jamnadhar Shroff Charitable Trust and Indravati Devi Bagrodia Charitable Trust for sponsoring major camps. I also thank Shri Amit Jain & his team & Dr Haresh Shah for successfully implementing the project & taking responsibility in overseeing its functioning despite their busy schedules.

## Physiotherapy Unit :



Quality-based care is a hallmark of physical therapy. Treatment effectiveness must be evident to patients that specify the minimum acceptable standard of practice. Our Physiotherapy Unit has been responsible for ensuring that and the therapy given is consistent with accepted National guidelines and responsive to patient and societal health needs. The unit having latest machinery & equipments is managed by Dr P S Das with his highly qualified team of therapists under the able supervision of our Joint Secretary Shri K L Banthiaji & has been able to provide top class treatment. It has been able to identify and maximize quality of life, movement

potential and rehabilitation of the patients. Our physically challenged beneficiaries who are in need of treatment, have been fully taken care of free of cost.

# MSS Bansal Medical Diagnostic Centre :



Our diagnostic centre having the modern updated machines for the convenience of the general public as well as for our beneficiaries has been extending quality service at reasonable cost. Free diagnostic services are being extended to the physically challenged and at concessional rates to all our members as well as staff. MSS Bansal Medical Diagnostic Centre has a scheme for persons from the weaker section of society where he can avail 50% discount on diagnostic facilities provided the person has been recommended by a member of MSS. A Free Annual Checkup Service was held by them for members of MSS and their spouse, every Saturday & Sunday from 15th January to 15th February. All this would not have been possible without the able guidance of Shri M L Nahataji, Shri V S Chorariaji & Shri Vinod Goyalji to whom I extend my heartiest thanks. I also thank Shri S K Bansalji & his professional team for the success of the diagnostic centre and the services extended to the members and beneficiaries of MSS.

## Homeopathy Unit :



Consultation & medicine is free for all at MSS Homeopathy Clinic. It has been giving an admirable service to all those who come to avail the same and has become very popular among the masses especially the poor & needy. The Clinic has proved to be a blessing since consultation fees and cost of medicines for other forms of treatment is enormous these days. I thank Dr Gopal Chourasia, Dr (Mrs) Prema Chourasia, Dr (Mrs) Anita Sancheti & especially our Joint Secretary Shri H M Sethiyaji, for his guidance in the success of the clinic. I thanks Shri Amit Kochar & his family for donating the entire supply of medicines throughout the year to MSS.

# Polio Corrective Surgery :

Like every year, this year too we have conducted free corrective surgery on polio patients. As always, this year too these operations were successfully carried under the guidance of our Medical Director, Dr V K Nevatia & Dr Rajesh Kushwaha. These Polio Surgeries are sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for which I am thankful.

# <u>Dental Care Unit</u> :

A new Dental Unit sponsored by Dr C J Desai & Jaswantiben Desai Foundation was inaugurated by Shri C V Desai on 15th August 2016 at 2, Mayurbhanj Road Kolkata. The same is now managed by a renowned dental specialist of Kolkata Dr Karan Rajpal of Trust Dental Care & his team. I thank Shri Manoj Mohnot for his services being rendered in managing its affairs. My special thanks to Smt. Suruchi Choukhany for taking the responsibility to make the unit most successful & purposeful to needy persons.

## Vocational Training Programme :



Vocational Training has a positive impact on a person's employment opportunities. Acquiring new skills can offer additional career choices. As part of this initiative and our continuing endeavour to improve the income & quality of life of our beneficiaries and making them self supportive, we carry on providing vocational training to all those interested to avail the opportunity. Training is imparted for making handicraft items, fancy envelopes & carry bags of handmade paper, flower arrangement, painting etc. Our youth wing headed by its President Shri Sanjay Sethiya and his better half Smt Sunita Sethiya and all members have been extending yeoman service for running this programme and I wish to thank them for that. My thanks to Shri Vishal Kochar for devoting his time & energy to publish our new brochures & develop our new web site.

# Seva Samachar :

Seva Samachar, our colorful and glossy in house magazine is published in order to inform our members, donors & well wishers about the activities carried out at MSS over a period of time. Creativity has been its hallmark and our readers really enjoy reading the success stories we publish. The qualities of editorial contributions and contributions from our esteemed members have made Seva Samachar one amongst the best in house magazines. I thank the contributors of articles to Seva Samachar & various advertisers for their support.

# Youth Wing :

Our Youth Wing members who will be the future pall bearers of MSS have time and again involved themselves most diligently to successfully carry out the programmes, aims & objectives of MSS. They have always undertaken a lion's share of the responsibility during our cultural programmes, rehabilitation services etc. I hope that we receive such support at all times and at all occasions. I thank Youth Wing President Shri Sanjay Sethiya, Secretary Shri Manish Choraria and all its members for such wonderful work.

# *Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation & Research Centre (CPRRC) - Our Dream Project.*

Since the inception of Mahavir Seva Sadan, we have evolved, adapted, and overcome challenges that came our way. With the initiative of setting up our dream project 'Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation & Research Centre', near IIM Joka our scope of services which we are now expanding will enhance our overall experience of C P Children and their parents, it being a residential facility and therefore will enable their inclusive growth and development.

Land for this purpose has already been acquired and construction to begin shortly. The centre is being developed as a residential facility for rehabilitation & schooling these kids with all facilities, under one roof, commensurate with rehabilitation. Parents of these kids will also be accommodated to impart training to handle these kids appropriately. I thank our President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta & Advisory Board Member Shri Santosh Dugar for their initiative & tremendous effort to see that our Dream Project comes up at the earliest. My thanks also to the various donors who have come forward to contribute financially to this project.

# MOU with Anudip Foundation

MSS has entered into an MOU of Anudip Foundation for the free supply of 3D artificial hands to our beneficiaries. These hands have found more acceptability among our beneficiaries since it is very compatible. I thank Shri Dipak Basu, Chairman of Anudip Foundation for coming forward to assist our beneficiaries and our E C Member Shri J L Bardia for the adept handling of this program.

# Limb Surgery

MSS has from this year undertaken to conduct free orthopedic surgeries on beneficiaries who need correction of deformity of their limbs. Many donors have come forward to sponsor these surgeries. I thank them for their kind gesture.

# Year's Highlights :

- ÿ Election of new Executive Committee Members of MSS for the term 2018-20 through an election held in August'18 with Shri Vijay Singh Choraria being elected as President.
- ÿ Elevation of our E C Member Shri Bachhraj ji Choraria as Member Advisory Board.
- ÿ MOU with Anudip Foundation for free supply of 3D artificial hand to our beneficiaries.
- ÿ Lokarpan of Mobile Eye Care Unit by His Excellency the Governor Keshari Nath Tripathi & Dr. Abhay Firodia of Shri Firodia Trust.
- ÿ Purchase of 6 bighas of land near IIM Joka for Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation & Research Centre & other services.

## Condolence :

The year 2018-19 also brought its share of grief to the members of MSS. The year witnessed the sad demise of Shri Shyam Lal Jalan who was our Advisory Board Member. MSS is indeed grateful for the contributions of (Late) Shri Shyam Lal Jalan to MSS from its formative period and records its heart-felt condolence for his untimely death. We also extend our heartfelt condolences to our Patron Shri Sohan Raj ji Singhvi on the demise of his wife Smt Kamala Devi Singhvi, our President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta for the demise of his daughter Smt Manisha Parakh and lastly to the families of Late Champa Lal Jhunjhunwala & Late Vijay Singh Bhandari on their untimely death.

We pray God to provide strength and courage to these grief stricken families to bear with the incomparable loss.

# Gratitude & Acknowledgement :

Before concluding, I would like to take the opportunity to express my profound gratitude and pranams to our President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta Sahab who has been a pillar of strength of MSS. The broad spectrum of our activities and their success rate speak volumes about dedicated work taken up by the members of MSS under the inspiring guidance of Sri J S Mehta. Our Advisory Board member Shri Santosh ji Dugar is now in the forefront in the setting up of our Dream Project "Cerebral Palsy Rehabilitation & Research Centre" at Joka. Mainly due to his efforts, the construction is to start shortly and completed within a target date of 2 years. I thank him from the bottom of my heart for his services and interest shown to get the project going. In the last but not the least, most candidly I place on record that all the achievements made & success in our future projects are due to most energetic, dynamic leadership & excellent guidance of Shri Vijay Singh Choraria, our President. My thanks to Joint Secretary Shri H M Sethiya for excellent upkeep & maintenance of our building & other matters related to it. Shri Vinod Goyal for looking after matters related to housekeeping, Shri B R Choraria for transportation, Shri Dinesh Choraria for in house security and all other members who have taken independent responsibility to run MSS most successfully.

I also express my sincere thanks to our Honorary visiting surgeon Dr V K Nevatia, Dr Gopal Chourasia, Dr (Mrs) Prema Chourasia, Dr (Mrs) Anita Sancheti, Dr Haresh H Shah, Dr R K Jain, Dr Sunil Jalan, Dr Karan Rajpal & Dr P S Das for their outstanding and sincere services to MSS. I also express my sincere gratitude and thanks to all our Advisors, Patrons, Benevolent Donors

and Well Wishers for their support and contribution in the phenomenal growth of this Organization. I thank Shri S L Kochar of M/s KKS & Co, our auditors, who have guided us at all times in financial matters by taking minimum fees and Shri Arvindji Agarwal of M/s G P Agarwal & Co for his services by assisting us in matters relating to filing of returns.

The entire organization, along with our EC Members worked in a participatory manner to map out our priority areas and plans to upscale our impact. The result is a creation of a roadmap on focus areas, potential partners and proposed coverage for the future

None of this would have been possible without the support of our donors, corporate CSR partners and Youth Wing members - who have all contributed in a significant manner. We take this opportunity to thank each one of them for their belief in our work and for their continued support.

Our EC members have always played a crucial role in the growth and capacity- building of the organization. This year, we expanded our Advisory Board to bring in critical knowledge and skills that we believe will benefit the organization. I would like to thank our Executive Committee and Advisory Board members for their continued guidance and unstinting support as we continue on our journey.

Finally, I would like to thank the true 'heroes' of the organization – all our staff & technicians who toil hard in demanding environments to improve the condition of our beneficiaries thereby taking us closer to our vision of 'Love All Serve All' and without whom we would not have been able to deliver the services for which we are responsible and also in the discharge of my duties as Secretary.

I heartily welcome you all and thank you for your participation.

R S Singhi Hon Secretary