



Annual Report 2021-22





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OUR INSPIRATION



Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti



OUR VISION

'We visualize a society based on justice, gender equity and fullness of life for all.'

OUR MISSION

'Empowerment of the Marginalized People of the society, especially the Dalits, Women and Children through a Process of awareness, organization and collective actions for raising their socio-political, educational, economic, health status and promotion of safe environment.'

OUR STRATEGY

'A process of animation among women and men to become aware, form and organize into groups and federations and to take actions for integrated, participatory and sustainable development.'

Our Organization



Inspired and ignited by the overwhelming desire for just and thriving communities in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh, Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) was established in the year 1986 under the leadership of Most Rev. Dominic Kokkat, Emeritus Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gorakhpur.

With a humble beginning from a few villages of Deoria district, the organization now makes its presence felt in 53 development blocks in sixteen districts of Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Registered as a non-profitable, apolitical voluntary organization under Societies Registration Act, 1860, the organization is headed by Bishop Thomas Thuruthimattam of the Catholic Diocese of Gorakhpur as the President of Governing Body. The inclusive and gender-just governing body draws members from the different sectors of the society.

Changing lives of most marginalized and destitute

53 development blocks in 16 districts:

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| 📍 Gorakhpur | 📍 Gonda |
| 📍 Deoria | 📍 Barabanki |
| 📍 Maharajganj | 📍 Varanasi |
| 📍 Sant Kabir Nagar | 📍 Azamgarh |
| 📍 Siddharthnagar | 📍 Jaunpur |
| 📍 Kushinagar | 📍 Ghazipur |
| 📍 Basti | 📍 Ballia |
| 📍 Balrampur | |
| 📍 Behraich | |

Impacting lives of over 85035 households in Uttar Pradesh





- State award by NABARD for best producer organization promoting agency, by Hon. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji in the year 2019.
- National award for innovations in livelihood for persons with disabilities by Caritas India in the Year 2018
- State award for creating barrier free environment for persons with disabilities, by Hon. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji in the year 2017.
- The Regional Forum UKSVK also Awarded PGSS with First Prize for the Best Annual Report in the year 2007
- Caritas India awarded PGSS with First Prize for “Resource Mobilization” in the year 2009
- Indo Global Social Service Society (IGSSS) awarded PGSS with “Shreshtha Puraskar”(Award of Excellence) in the year 2011
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), awarded PGSS with “Prashasthi Pathr” (Certification of Recognition) for its excellent and commendable performance in the field of Organic Products on 12th July 2013.
- PGSS also won the First Prize at National Level for the “Best Annual Report of year 2013-14” on 22nd September 2014 which was given by Caritas India during the National Conference at Bangalore.

Recognitions



Adequate sanitation, together with good hygiene and safe water, are fundamental to good health and to social and economic development. Safe drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene can substantially reduce the rates of morbidity and the severity of various diseases and improve the quality of life.

PGSS has taken segmental approach to eradicate the issues of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene, to make it accessible, affordable, and acceptable in rural areas. With consistent zealous intervention by PGSS, the results are gradually visible.

Some of our major interventions include:

- Village level cleanliness drive
- Community led total sanitation
- Restoration of drinking water sources
- Testing of drinking water
- Awareness on Menstrual Health Management
- Formation of WASH brigade in Schools
- Efforts to make villages open defecation free
- Construction and restoration of toilets

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene



“Health care is not a privilege, it is a right. It is a right as fundamental as civil rights. It is a right as fundamental as giving every child a chance to get public education”

Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) is resolute to provide good health to all the members of the society. In the quest to attain ‘healthy society’ status, Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) is promoting cleanliness and sanitation. PGSS has taken many steps to ensure health and hygiene by attempting to change the thought process of the people, and imbibing cleanliness and sanitation in their behavior. Some of our major interventions include:

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- **Immunization camps – Covid-19**
- **Routine Immunization Camps**
- **Awareness campaign – neo natal and maternal health**
- **Routine health check-up camps especially for women, girls, and children**
- **Strengthening of Village Health Sanitation Committees**
- **Coordination with Government health workers for health drives in villages**
- **Capacity building of front line workers**

Community Health



Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) stalwartly endorse the concept of equality for women and women empowerment. In alignment with the thought process and vision of the organization, PGSS has taken several steps to fortify position of women in the society. Navjyoti Mahila Sangharsh Mandal (Women's Group) have been formed by PGSS as a major resource of inspiration for women's welfare. Mahila Mandals are usually informal groups whose members have a common perception of need and importance towards collective action.

The Mahila Mandals are formed with following objectives:

- To increase participation of women in all social activities.
- To involve all women members into important discussion making.
- To encourage women to take steps to identify and eradicate problems/issues in households or in entire village.
- To promote savings amongst the members of the group.
- To induce the feeling of mutual cooperation amongst the members.
- To increase the social and economic status of women.
- Networking and alliance
- Leadership development and capacity building

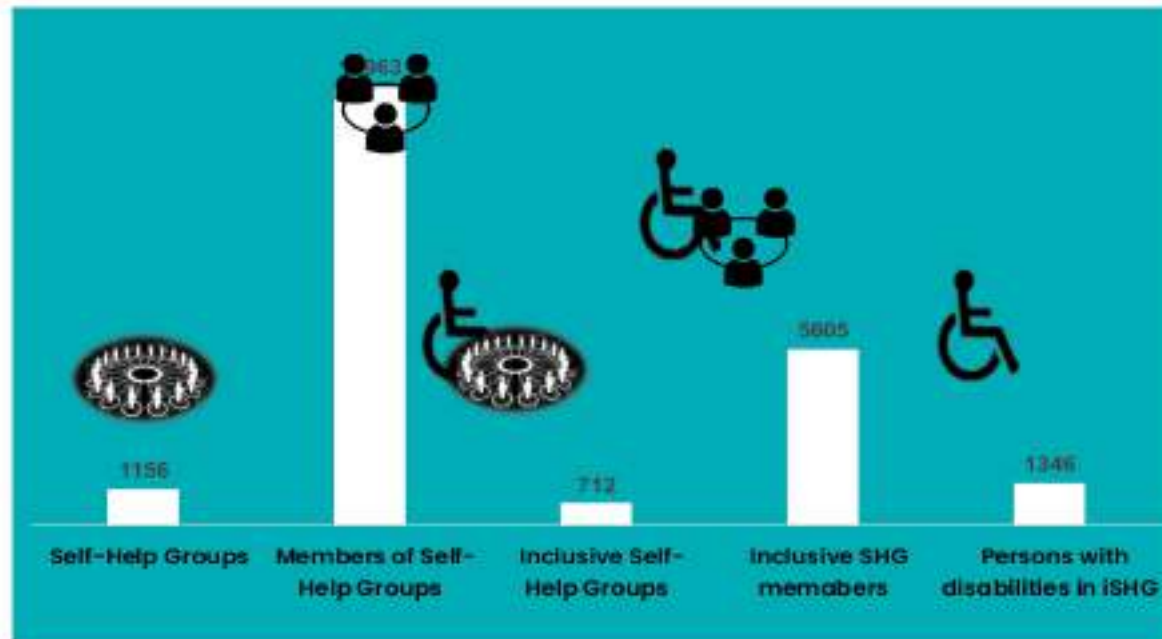


876

Mahila Mandals
16836
members

Women Empowerment





Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Inclusive Self-Help Groups (iSHGs – SHGs in which persons with disabilities are included) lay the very foundation of economic empowerment! Easy access to financial services, community-based model & inclusion of persons with disabilities are some of the unique features of these groups. SHGs and iSHGs have helped small and marginal farmers to enhance their income through initiation of additional income generation activity by accessing financial services through inter loaning.

Economic Empowerment



PGSS is a strong intercessor for child rights, with a strong credence that every child deserves love and care, even if they are divagated. CHILDLINE came into existence in the year 2005 at Gorakhpur, love and affection for children being strong reason behind the motivation. This association has rescued hundreds of children from perilous places of work, sexual violence, runaway from home and other detrimental situations.

The PGSS-CHILDLINE implements its activities in association with allied systems – district administration, police, health department, transport, social welfare department, education department, juvenile justice board, North Eastern Railway police – RPF, GRP and telecom department. Major resource organizations are Open Shelter Home (PGSS), Little Flower society that runs Pratheeksha- orphanage, Mother Theresa home, Fatima Hospital, Little Sisters of Divine Providence (LSDP), etc. PGSS-CHILDLINE reaches out to all children in need of care and protection; these include street children, child laborers, children who have been abused, child victims of the flesh trade, children with disability, child addicts, mentally ill children and many more.



Child Rights



Natural resource management or organic farming is a method of crop production which involves much more than choosing not to use pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modified organisms, antibiotics, and growth hormones. Organic production is a holistic system designed to optimize the productivity and fitness of diverse communities within the agro-ecosystem, including soil organisms, plants, livestock, and people. The principal goal of organic production is to develop enterprises that are sustainable and harmonious with the environment. The principal reason for the choice of organic farming was low input cost, eco friendly approach, and preservation of soil and water. Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) has been zealous supporter of organic farming, many activities are being done in order to promote organic farming and make it popular among the masses.

Area under organic cultivation – 1204 Hectare
Farmers involved – 5263
Farmers with disabilities – 2146
Demonstration sites – 465
Seed banks – 823



Natural Resource Management



Living in rural areas Persons with Disabilities face a lot of issue in getting basic amenities like health services, education, employment etc. Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti is resolute to bring equality and mainstream to the Persons with Disabilities and improve their living standards. Our initiatives are through rights based approach i.e. move from charity model to Community based inclusive development, making them self-sufficient to take care of themselves as well as their families. PGSS supported the formation of 346 organization of persons with disabilities with 3164 members.

Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti has taken the initiative to change the persistent charity-based model for persons with disabilities. PGSS constantly strives for sustainable inclusive development of persons with disabilities, to make them self-reliant. PGSS works on the principles of disability inclusive development to achieve community based



Community Based Inclusive Development



Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti is a strong intercessor of resilient & long-term sustainable income generation activities. Our strategy includes diversification of income generation activities to reduce dependency and risk on single source of income. PGSS also supports the community for establishing strong market linkage. All the activities initiated have features of accessibility for inclusion of persons with disabilities. Over the years PGSS has introduced many livelihood activities for marginalized community, such as:

- Cattle Rearing – Cows and buffalos
- Goat rearing
- Organic farming
- Compost production
- Nursery management
- Vegetable cultivation – controlled and open environment
- Mushroom cultivation
- Petty Shops
- Tailoring and handicraft
- Pottery



Inclusive Livelihood

SWABHIMAN



SCIPCL

**Swabhiman Cottage Industries
Producer Company Limited**

Currently PGSS is promoting 29 FPOs and in process to promote 25 more FPOs. Following is the breakup of the FPOs under different programmes:

- Supported by NABARD CSS scheme - 25
- Supported by NABARD CSS scheme - 25 (to be initiated)
- NABARD – PODF ID & CBM - 01
- NABARD – Produce Fund- 01
- CBM - 04

Theme wise FPO promoted by PGSS:

- Vegetables and Organic Farming - 14
- Maize & Banana - 06
- Milk Production- 02
- Mushroom- 02
- Spices- 02
- Rice (Kala Namak)- 01
- Sugarcane- 01
- Handicraft- 01
- Goat rearing - 01
- Poultry & feed - 01



Inclusive group enterprizes



Inclusive Education

Inclusive education is an education system that includes all students, and welcomes and supports them to learn, in an inclusive environment. This necessarily means making teaching, school buildings, classrooms, play areas, transport, and toilets accessible at all levels. Every child has a right to inclusive education, including children with disabilities.

PGSS extensively works with School management committees and Gram Panchayat to ensure accessibility audits in school, inclusive school development plan and accessible education. PGSS also collaborates with various organizations to facilitate smart classes, scholarships, enrollment of school dropouts, provide study materials to children with and without disabilities.





PGSS is resolute towards protecting the environment. PGSS works on aspects like understanding the internal relationship of various natural resources, assessment of resource requirement and planning of resource management. In all the development programmes of PGSS.

We ensure to follow a holistic approach and include the environmental factor in our implementation plan, which includes:

- Awareness programme
- Participation of community members in plantation
- Motivating school children towards action for environment protection
- Usage of biogas as fuel and renewable energy
- Promotion of natural farming and organic farming
- Minimizing use of fertilizers and pesticides
- Prevent village level water body contamination
- Plantation drives



Environment Protection



स्वरक्षा

मानव तस्करी रोध कार्यक्रम

मानव तस्करी के खिलाफ विश्वदिवस अभियान

गतिविधि :

जागरूकता रैली

स्थान :

उच्च प्राथमिक विद्यालय गुडिला

PGSS is committed to curb any form of human slavery to restore human dignity. PGSS with the support of Caritas India initiated the Swaraksha Anti-Human Trafficking Program at the Indo-Nepal border. This program aimed to prevent, protect, and partner with stakeholders to address the issue of human trafficking.

Following are major project activities:

- Training of Law enforcement agencies
- Mass Awareness creation
- Training of stakeholders
- Human Trafficking suspected interception at Indo-Nepal border booth
- Human Trafficking suspected victims rescued
- FIR registered in HT cases
- Repatriation done
- Rehabilitation
- Re-integration
- Networking with INGOs & NGOs
- Income generation Program Support
- Realization of Government Schemes and Programmes
- Constitution and operation of Child Labour
- Prevent Child marriage

Anti Human Trafficking



Purvanchal Gramin Seva Samiti (PGSS) has been working on disability inclusive disaster risk reduction in flood prone areas of the region.

Following are some of the major activities:

- Awareness on disability inclusive disaster risk reduction
- Functioning of Task Forces
- Community organizations formed
- Marking disaster prone areas and safe areas on map
- Community strengthened towards Disaster risk reduction
- Alternative livelihood Promoted
- Partner with Gram Panchayat and district authorities for preparedness



Disability Inclusive disaster risk Reduction



PGSS has a rich resource centre. Our facilities include residential training facilities for capacity building workshops for 300+ participants. PGSS has a dedicated extension team with expertise in puppet shows and street plays. PGSS has a collection of thematic animations on different topics.

Our Central team members and thematic experts are proficient on following topics:

- **Women Empowerment**
- **Farmer Producer Organizations**
- **Empowerment of Adolescent Girls & Boys**
- **Skill development of Drop-outs and Youth**
- **Economic empowerment of the Excluded Groups**
- **Capacity building of Community Based Organizations (CBOs)**
- **Strengthening of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)**
- **Sustainable agriculture through organic farming**
- **Community Based Inclusive Development**
- **Child Rights**
- **Community health**
- **Anti-Human Trafficking**
- **Livelihood promotion of the Excluded Groups**
- **Natural Resources Management (NRM)**
- **Disability- inclusive agro- enterprises**
- **Government Schemes**

PGSS – Resource Centre



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