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**14th Annual General Body Meeting**:

Honourable Members present and ladies and gentleman. It is a privilege to present the Annual Report for the year 2017-2018. On behalf of the Centre I congratulate all the Governing Body Members who rendered untired efforts for the all round development of the Centre. We have a plan to open a data collection centre and the scientific laboratory for the research purpose, however, we could not open them up till now. We have also planned for opening medical camps to provide medical facilities to the disadvantaged who are unable to spend for medical services and due to remoteness cannot go to the hospital for the medical facilities and cannot get medical services for want of fund.. These disadvantaged people are not properly aware about health and health hazards. We also want to open a Old Age Home for those old who do not get proper care due to poverty and lack of care giving persons. We are taking steps to write projects on the aspects like Health, Education, Human Rights, Women Empowerment and need based Research Projects and submit the same to the funding agents both Indian and Foreign.

Thanks to all for sincere participation in the activities of the centre.

**Scientific and Social Research**

During the year we have collected information from people of different areas, belonging to different categories including Schedule Castes, Scheduled Tribes, OBC, Minorities, women, children and the old belonging to these different categories of people. For the purpose of collection of data from different people we have organized the following Awareness Programme throughout the year.

**Health Awareness**

We gathered information on health from the participants who took part in the Health Awareness programme on different National and International Day such as World Health Day, World Thalassaemia Day, World Population Day, World First Aid Day, and World AIDS Day. We arranged workshops where lectures were delivered and discussion took place on maintenance of good and sound health.

**Health Home**

We maintain a health home in Gosaba area of Sunderban. People in this area suffer due to lack of appropriate and timely response to health needs related to migration, disasters, rapid economic and demographic change. People suffer from both communicable and non-communicable diseases like Malaria , hopping cough, Acute Respiratory diseases, Common Cold and Fever, Tuberculosis, , cardiovascular diseases, STD, HIV/AIDS Diseases. Lack of awareness on health and disease barriers to access affordable and quality health services, distance from metro cities and disaster are the causes of the sufferings of the people. To meet the Health Needs of the people we maintain this Health Home.

The main objectives of this Health Home are:

* To identify the health needs of the vulnerable children
* To select a set of data that reflects the health promotion needs and priorities of the target communities
* To determine who are the key individuals , groups, and organization with the power to affect health in the community
* To identify the referral network for referring the children during emergency and beyond the capacity of the existing health centres

This helps us to understand the health burden of the people and to take proper intervention as below.

* Providing medical and health care services for the beneficiaries. Allopathic and Homeopathy doctors visit the health centres regularly and provide free treatment to the beneficiaries
* Camps are organized in various times of the year to raise awareness, environmental hazards, health and personal hygiene for the beneficiaries and their family members
* Use of referral network for emergency cases
* Providing free medicines and diet to the children
* Check up of the guardians of the beneficiaries in special cases.

**Nourishment Programme**

MACHRD has initiated Nourishment Programme with a view to tackle the burdens of nutrition and reduction of communicable diseases. This programme aims to improve standard of health of the students who attend the various educational centres in Sunderban area. The people are in so disadvantaged condition that they cannot provide them proper food, cloth and bare minimum medical support. MACHRD distribute enough dry food to these beneficiaries so that this remove malnutrition and help them to receive proper and quality education. This programme is a successful one.

**Women and Children Awareness**

We collected information on various aspects of Women and Children from those who participated in the Women and Child Awareness programme organized on different National and International Day such as International Mothers Day, World Day Against Child labour, International Day for Rural Women, International, Human Rights Day, National Girl Child Day of India, and International Women’s Day. We organized lectures and workshops on empowerment of women, protection of child rights, save the girl child from early marriage, save the child from child labour, and on different rights of the women and children.

Activities related to yearly awareness are:

i)Anti Human Trafficking & Safe Migration campaigns are conducted through rallies and workshops, involving mothers and adolescent girls so that they become aware and spread the message of the evil impact of human trafficking, especially children and unsafe migration to unknown destinations for livelihood. In this activity, the local Authority (Panchayat), the Police and CBOs work in close coordination for prevention and education.

I[) Anti Drug and Alcohol consumption campaign is organized every year through rallies, lectures and workshops and community counseling towards elimination of these social evils

**Human Rights Awareness**

We organized Human Rights Awareness on different days including International Day for Eradication of Poverty. We organized lectures and workshops to address specific economic, social, cultural, civil, and political rights with a focus on creating durable institutional capacity to promote and protect human rights. We emphasized on improving awareness of, and capacity to fulfill, human rights obligations through education and training. During these occasions we collected information on human Rights from the participants to understand needs of the area and the people for taking future programme on better awareness and knowledge of the people on this aspect of Human Rights.

**Education Awareness**

We gathered information from the participants who took part in the Education Awareness programme organized on different dates and especially on World Literacy Day. We organized lectures and workshops on removal of illiteracy and improvement of educational standard and technical education. We propagate so that people send their drop out children to school again and refrain from child labour.

**Education Centres**

There are 16 Schooling Reinforcement Centres in 16 villages in Sunderban , South Twenty Parganas district and 5 Educational Centres in 5 villages in Murshidabad District. There are 1552 student beneficiaries and 550 student beneficiaries in Sunderban and Murshidabad villages respectively. These Schooling Reinforcement Centres are providing government primary school students an opportunity to undergo focused education for each class (class I to class III) 6 days a week. The daily class comprises of revision of lessons learnt in school, soft skills and life skill lessons like hygiene, rights, safety, gender etc. These Centres also provide concept clarification sessions and general guidance to students and parents.

The students belong to the parents who reside in remote areas and suffer from extreme poverty, lack of food, clothing and education. They are deprived of every facility that is essential for the development of a child. These situations force them to become drop outs and lead a life of illiterate labour.

The objectives of these Schooling Reinforcement Centres are as follows.

* To improve the students’ school attendance
* To improve the students age-appropriate learning level
* To reduce drop out instances in school
* To provide the beneficiaries with knowledge and skills that make them better citizens
* To facilitate all round development through proper education so that they can be good citizens of the country in future
* To provide Training to the teachers for quality education
* To prevent child labour and child trafficking

Activities related to yearly awareness campaigns:

* i) Anti Child Labour awareness campaigns are organized through rally by school children at the Panchayat (village) level, winding through village lanes and by lanes appealing to elders, social leaders and owners of small establishments to respect and value the rights of children especially to education and health and desist from engaging them as labourers.
* ii) Anti Illiteracy awareness campaigns are organized every year in villages through rallies by school children, urging mothers, dropout girls and illiterate adults to complete basic education

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**Environmental Awareness**

We organized Environmental Awareness on World Environment Day. We organized lectures and workshop on maintenance of clean environment, plantation of trees, to stop open defecation and use of harmful plastics, pollution free life and proper use of water and sanitation. During this occasion we gathered information from participants to understand the local situation so as to take programme for better knowledge of the people and their practice for maintenance of clean environment.

**Self Help Group Facilitation**

We organized SHG facilitation camps on different dates. We organized lectures and workshops on SHG meeting, maintenance of their accounts, different other facets of SHG, their training and self sustainability. During these occasions we collected information from the participants to take future action on better performance of the SHG groups.

**Cultural Promotion**

We organized Cultural Promotion Camp on Independence Day of India. We organized lectures and workshop on the promotion of folk culture and tradition, how the artists can get different facilities for sustainability of the tradition. Simultaneously, we collected information for our research purpose.

**Social Integration & Bonding**

As an article of faith, Majhipara Ambedkar Centre for Human Research and Development (MACHRD) has always practiced the principle of *love thy neighbor* through active participation in and organization of important local and State level events, festivals and celebrations. The goal and objective is to break walls and barriers of human respects among different communities and integrate into a replicable homogenous society. Some of the major festivities celebrated with the communities are:

i) Birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda – 12th January as the National Youth Day.

ii) International Women’s Day – 8th March

iii) World Health Day – 7th April

iv) Birth anniversary of Dr B.R.Ambedkar – 14th April, the Patron of MACHRD

v) Birth anniversary of Poet Nobel laureate Guru Rabindranath Tagore – 8th May,

vi) Anti Child Labour Day – 12th June

vii) Teachers’ Day – 5th Sept

viii) Children Day – 14th Nov

Tailroing Training andCcreche Programme in Birbhum

MACHRD organized crèche programme for the children of the poor working women in Mayureswar Block in the District of Birbhum in collaboration with MALLARPUR MANAV SEVA KENDRA . Besides, we provided tailoring training to the poor Self Help Group Members in Birbhum in collaboration with MALLARPUR MANAV SEVA KENDRA.

**Future programme**

We are preparing the following project proposals for the financial support from the donors.

1. We are preparing a project proposal for setting up a research establishment including a scientific laboratory, which include section of the scientific research on genetics and anthropology. Sections will be established on the basis of biological problems related to their links with diseases. In our programme we will mention the expenditure on purchasing land, construction of building and purchase of equipments, vehicles and furnishing. Besides, we will also propose establishment expenditure including other non-recurring expenditure and recurring expenditures.

2. We are preparing a project for setting up and running of a medical centre- cum- hospital for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other disadvantaged people. Our project will also include opening of health camps at the block level in West Bengal that will provide medical facilities to the people. Initially we will start it in the districts of South 24 Parganas and in the remote areas of Md. Bazar Block in the district of Birbhum. We will submit proposals along with the expenditure details to different donors for funds. We will start collecting Indian and Foreign donations and thus we intend to fulfill our target.

3. We are preparing a project for setting up a Old Age Home for the poor old men and women who lacks home care facilities from their family members on account of their disadvantaged situation and poor financial condition. We will submit proposals along with the expenditure details to different donors for funds. We will start collecting Indian and Foreign donations and thus we intend to fulfill our target.

4. We are preparing to set up a residential school for the children of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Class, Minorities and other disadvantaged especially poverty stricken people., who are unable to send their children to school because they cannot provide their children proper food, dress and other facilities and instead they send their children to work so as to contribute financially to their family.