



**ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES TOWARDS DISABLED PERSONS OF  
SIKKIM**

**A BRIEF REPORT**



**SIKKIM VIKLANG SAHAYATA SAMITI  
GANGTOK, SIKKIM**

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2007-08**



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## PREFACE

Sikkim Viklang Sahayata Samiti (SVSS) was formed in the year 1999 and was formally registered by the Government of Sikkim in January, 2001.

Samiti has been working for the upliftment of the persons with disability since inception. In the beginning Miss Droupadi Ghimiray, a nursing staff of STNM Hospital used to take the physically handicapped to Kolkata, Delhi and Jaipur for fitting of artificial limbs. With her active participation a workshop was set up at Ranipool wherein in fitment work started.

The office and its workshop were shifted at Gangtok in 2004 and have been relentlessly working towards making of artificial limbs and fittings to the needy physically challenged persons. The aids are made by Samiti's trained technicians. During 2007-08 – 23 numbers of physically challenged persons were benefited by different aids provided by the Samiti. This number of beneficiary is beside the Free Fitment Camp organized in December, 2007 at Gangtok.

The disabled members of Samiti are entrusted to conduct survey to identify the disabled in village areas of Sikkim. On the basis of their findings camps are organized to provide requisite aids to the needy. Light weight Calipers initiated by His Excellency the President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Azad. The polio effected persons can get relief from the LWC.

Samiti also imparts income generation training to support the PWD( Persons with Disability) in various fields for supporting their livelihood. It also renders services for education, employment, obtaining loan, Indira Awas, etc for the physically challenged persons. The line department has been extending cooperation for the fruitful operation and execution of work by the Samiti.

### **Formation of CNRI - Sikkim State Chapter**

The Confederation of NGOs of Rural India (CNRI), New Delhi nominated Miss Droupadi Ghimiray, President of SVSS as Convener for Sikkim State.

In order to set up Sikkim Chapter of CNRI, the Samiti initiated step and held its first meeting in April, 2007 in which Miss Droupadi Ghimiray and Shri N.B.Tiwari, President and Secretary of the Samiti were elected as its Executive Members respectively. Nine NGOs representing all the four districts of Sikkim supported the motion.

Similarly a meeting for initiating micro finance of LIC for the rural people was conducted during the later half of the year. Training was imparted to the participants by experts on the subject.

### **Award in National Meet**

Shri N.B.Tiwari, Secretary of SVSS was awarded "Servant of the Poor" Award by Dr. Rahgunath Prasad Singh, Union Minister of Rural development on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2007 in recognition of 20 years of selfless service for the society at Ashoka Hotel in New Delhi on the eve of 2<sup>nd</sup> National Meet organized by CNRI from 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2007.

## **Recognition of Social Service**

The Samiti along with few other NGO affiliated to CNRI observed 2 minutes of silence for the sad demise of Shri Madan Thapa of Pakyong who was a social natured man though Orthopadically handicapped. He had donated some 2.5 acre of land and a house to Samiti at Pakyong wherein the Samiti has its training centre for the handicaps.

## **Environment Awareness Program**

The SVSS organised environment awareness Program in at Pakyong Training Centre which also formed part of State Green Mission on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The programme was sponsored by Forest Department of the Government of Sikkim.

It also planted 100 Chinese teak donated by Shri KC Pradhan, former Chief Secretary at Chalamthang. Hon'ble Minister, Shri GM Gurung inaugurated the programme in the presence of Shri Tashi Densapa, Ex-Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim.

## **Mushroom Training**

The Samiti conducted mushroom Training at its Training Centre at Pakyong on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007. The training was imparted by Mrs. N.Lhamu, Deputy Director of Horticulture Department, Government of Sikkim. The Samiti built a mushroom growing house too to further push the programme for income generation means.

## **TRAINING OF NGOS**

The Samiti imparted Training of CNRI affiliated NGOs on implementation of Jeewan Madhur Programme of Life Insurance-Micro Finance for rural people on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Mr. Subash Mahato, Administrative Office of LIC was the resource person for the training. The final training was held at Gangtok on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2008. A meeting on the same day was held with Mr. Tapper Chattopadhyya, Executive Director of LIC of India.

## **INCOME GENERATION UNIT**

The Samiti started Khada Making cum printing unit at Pakyong Training Centre from 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007. The programme was sponsored by Social Justice and Empowerment Department and State Rural Development Department of the Government of Sikkim. The Unit was inaugurated by Shri Govind Pradhan, Former Chief Secretary and Patron of SVSS and Hon'ble MLA - Smt. Manita Thapa. The Guest of Honour for the occasion was chaired by Shri RP Poudyal, Project Officer of SRDA. The printing of Khada being a technical work, the Samiti took 3 PWDs to Kolkata for training. These trainees imparted further training to 19 other PWD in the Training Centre at Pakyong on their arrival from Kolkata.

139 nos. of persons were benefited and 146 others were given free aids. The beneficiary included handicaps from all over Sikkim and from neighboring states as well.

The Camp was declared closed by his Excellency- Shri Sudarshan Agarwal, Governor of Sikkim on 24<sup>th</sup> December. The Guest of Honour for the occasion was Shri Hissey Lachungpa, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare Department.

The Bharat Bikash Yatra team comprising participants of North East India witnessed the closing ceremony. The Bharat Vikash Yatra was sponsored by the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi. The Sikkim trip of the Yatra was hosted by CNRI-Sikkim Chapter and SVSS.

### **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

The Samiti received funds from the Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Welfare Department, Government of Sikkim for capacity building and World Disability Day Observation.

Shri Somnath Poudyal, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture donated a good variety of cow.

The Department of Horticulture provided fund for construction of water reservoir for growing of vegetable. The tank was made as is operational.

Soil and Conservation wing of Agriculture Department granted fund for terracing of land and its agriculture unit run by handicaps at Pakyong training Centre.

Horticulture Department of Pakyong Block Development Office of Pakyong provided fund for constructing of 2 vermi-compost house and pit and one mushroom rearing house. The structures were made and is in operation.



## PHOTO SECTION



**Launching of F.R.O. fitment for North Eastern by His Excellency the  
President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Azad**

**His Excellency Governor of Sikkim Shri V. Rama Rao**

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**Other Distinguished Guests present were: Dr. Pawan K. Chamling,  
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Sikkim and**

**Date: 27.12.2006**

**Venue: SMIT, Sikkim**



## PHOTO SECTION

**SOME IDENTIFIED HANDICAPPS BY  
SIKKIM VIKLANG SAHAYATA SAMITI**



**Handicapped being examined**



**Making of fitment for handicap beneficiary at  
Samiti's workshop**

**ECONOMIC UPLIFTMENT INITIATIVES OF SIKKIM VIKLANG  
SAHAYATA SAMITI FOR THE HANDICAPPS**



**TRAINING ON MUSHROOM AND AGRICULTURE FOR THE  
HANDICAPPS**

**LIGHT WEIGHT CALIPERS BENEFICIARIES AT A CAMP  
ORGANISED BY SIKKIM VIKLANG SAHAYATA SAMITI ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007 AT GANGTOK:  
ALSO IN PICTURE THE MAKING OF ARTIFICIAL FITMENT AT ITS WORKSHOP**



**SIKKIM VIKLANG SAHAYATA SAMITI'S SERVICE TO SOCIETY**

**SIKKIM**

**KHADA MAKING AND SKILL UPGRADATION PROGRAMME  
FOR THE HANDICAPPS**



**CELEBRATION OF WORLD DISABILITY DAY**



**PAKYONG: EAST SIKKIM**



**GANGTOK**

