

# Annual Report

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I feel really happy to present the annual progress report of Gram Jyoti for the financial year 2016-2017. I am excited to proclaim the year as an eventful, successive and a lot of learning to all of us. As per our commitment we always stand beside the most deprived and downtrodden sanctum of the society and worked in the situation where the wheel of sustainable development was got stuck in the sludge like situation of the society. With joint and repeated effort and indomitable spirit, we are trying to drag the 'Wheel' out of the 'Mud'. We, the team Gram Jyoti, as a pioneer are showing the vulnerable people the way to

come out of the 'shell of darkness' of the society and tread into the journey of sustainable development in easy accessible way.

In this financial year 2016-2017 we are delighted to present a glimpse of our achievements:

In association with NABARD ,ITDA and UNDP we strived tirelessly for promoting sustainable livelihood in the Santhal Pargana region among the most vulnerable community and improved the socio-economic scenario of the marginalized community of the society through SHGs strengthening.

*Gandhi Jee* said, "Sanitation is more essential than freedom." Keeping this quote in our heart we are working collaboratively with DWSM and SWSM and with the support of Water Aid India and UNDP to establish open defecation free environment in the rural areas of Jharkhand and Bihar. Also we created technical model and methods to support DWSM and SWSM. We developed some model village to replicate throughout the whole state. We are heartily thankful to the GOJ and Water Aid India, UNDP and other agencies for their blissful support in the same.

Protection of child rights is another success we have gone through in this financial year. We are working in Deoghar district in support of Child Line India and have met back about **87** lost children from different parts of India to their family. In this matter the support of GRP is not to be lessened. Also we have regularized **53** drop out children to the school education.

Gram Jyoti worked on women empowerment and PWDs' right protection. We became successful to make the Government responsible for the PWDs and establishment of their rights. The women, who were somewhere lagging behind from the mainstream of the society, have been empowered through different programs and we are proud to say that the women have become decision maker along with the male members of the family as well as the society.

We pay our sincere gratitude to Water Aid India, CHILDLINE,UNDP , Swachha Bharat Mision Jharkhand & Bihar, SWSM & DWSM Jharkhand UNICEF, NABARD, SWB ,ITDA our supportive staffs, well wishers, Patron, the public representatives and both print and electronic media. Without support of all it was impossible to make out dream come true.

Your comments, feedbacks, information, and suggestion is highly solicited.

Now concluding with this hope that we will come back in the next year with another successful story.

With warm regards  
Pashupati Kumar  
Secretary



## GRAM JYOTI AT A GLANCE...

Gram Jyoti was budded in 1998 when a team of social activists felt the need to have a platform to work for the poor and downtrodden. The members practiced the ideology of Gandhian concept of rural development, SARVODAYA and ANTYODAYA in which real development and improvement of the life standards lies in the hands of community. The organization believes in the collective strength of communities to achieve a just society, which is free from exploitation. It also believes in the economic solidarity of the whole society. It works for the voiceless people & save their entitlement approach. The mandate of the Organization is to promote self-empowerment and leadership abilities among the deprived vulnerable & excluded sections of the society. Our efforts are concentrated on developing institutional structures, capacity building and leadership qualities in these people so that they can achieve the dignity of life. Our efforts are concentrated on developing institutional structures, capacity management and leadership quality in these people so that they can achieve social justice and equality of their own potential. From the very beginning , till dated Gram Jyoti has shrouded over 823 villages in six blocks in the districts of Deoghar, Dumka, Pakur, Shabgunj , Banka districts of Jharkhand and Bihar and working for the marginalized and poorest of the poor sanctum of the society.



## VISION, MISSION & OBJECTIVE

### VISION

*"To facilitate  
downtrodden and  
deprived section  
of the society is to  
bring them in the  
main stream of  
the society."*

### Mission

*"Empowerment of  
the lowest section  
of the society to  
establish equity  
based Healthy  
and Educated  
society."*

## Objective

- ☞ *To articulate the people capability in terms of sustainable livelihood.*
- ☞ *To facilitate the rural reconstructions through the efforts of village communities.*
- ☞ *To assist village communities to identify their problems and develop and implement the innovative solutions through collaborative group work.*
- ☞ *To encourage people to participate in local governing bodies, not just as representatives, but also as aware and accountable citizens.*
- ☞ *To set up alliances between people's group, the State & Development agencies with a view*

## GOVERNING BODY OF GRAM JYOTI

S.N.	Name	Category	Designation	Age	Occupation
1.	Sri Babulal Kapri	OBC	Chairmen	65	Agriculture Expert & Natural Resource Management
2.	Sri Pashupati Kumar	GEN	Secretary	43	Food and nutrition security & Resources mobilization
3.	Sri Krishnanand Singh	GEN	Treasurer	51	Financial management and Health security
4.	Smt. Asha Devi	OBC	Member	40	Social & Health resources Person
5.	Md. Rouf Ansari	MIN	Member	42	Peasant and Social Worker
6.	Mrs. Monika Murmu	ST	Member	35	Peasant and Social Worker
7.	Sri UpendraPanjiyar	OBC	Member	40	Expert in Person with disability
8.	Sri Kailash Pd.Yadav	OBC	Member	45	Cultivator & Social Worker
9.	Sri Vashist Narayan Singh	GEN	Member	64	Community Mobilization & Secretary of Shardaniketan

Our Working theme-

- ☞ *Livelihood Promotion*
- ☞ *Health and Hygiene*
- ☞ *Education*
- ☞ *Establishments of child rights*
- ☞ *Women empowerment*
- ☞ *Social exclusion*
- ☞ *Advocacy etc.*



## GLIMPSES OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-17

<b>5Nos project handled durng the year and covered 319 vllages of Pakur and Deoghar block</b>
<b>Namami Gange Project-</b> under implementation of the Ganga rejuvenation program- UNDP , Geographical coverage 27 villages of 10 GPs in 2 block
Facilitated poverty reduction initiated through Strenghten 125 SHGs in Sahibganj distict , accumulated 23 lakh saving among 1469 members for the promotion of intenal transtion in Sahibganj district
Skill Development support to SHG members in 4 training centres 24 SHGs members on tailoring, 20 Cement brick and ring plate manufacturing, 14 Lac bengle making
Entrpreneurship development undetaken among 1575 SHGs members on 309vegetable cultivation,702 on Horticulture ,55o on Toilet construction, 14 s on pickle making and increased their additional income from Rs 4200 to 7300 per month
celebratied of Internationa wome 's Day as Anti liquar,dowry & superstition at Raj Mahal
300 HH equipped with smokless oven, 14 HHwith Gowar gas plant for the promotion of ulternate engergy
203compost units installed among 150 biomass compost , 40 aerobic compost, 15 drum compost for the domestic waste management and pomotion of lvelihood
introduced SRI & oganic farming among 560 farmers (300 Paddy crop, 260 pulse crop) and increase production & reduced pesticide use on the Ganga basin area
32 workshop , seminar and capacity building initiative organized on rural development,Ganga rejuvenation, CLTS& ODF,Liquar prohibition, local goverance
facilitated constuction of 1355 units IHHL among 27 villages through 55 SHGs and declared 14 Villages of 3 GPs ODF, 32 Vigilence committee functioned towards creating ODF millieu in project area
Childline – Working in Deoghar as Nodal agency to cover entire district with the support of 2 Collaborating Agency- NEEDs & YAM India Formed 36child line group ,36open house session in school ,36 open house with allied system ,60 review , 840 CBOs meetings, 336 PRI meeting,204 police meeting,6 block level child protection commttee meeting ,1, resource organization meeting ,336 ICDS mothers meeting, 408 session awareness at school level, 48 meetng with railway station children,120 CAV meeting,624 cases reported,84 cases protected and safe from abuse,anfd facilitated childline friendship program( Childline se Dosti)
<b>Water Aid India-</b> Geographical coverage-177 villages of 2 district Deoghar & Pakur(40 villages of 14 GP n 4 blocks (Devipur,Sonaroytari, Mohanpur & deoghar) + 137 villages 37 GPs in 3 Block( Maheshpur,Litipara & Pakuria)
Capacity building of 8 GPs PRI members on leveraging process to DWSM on Sanitation matter, mason trained on SBM sponsored latrine technology and benefited 243 , tained 52 para hydologist of 2 GPs of Deoghar District, Developed 13 villages WaSH plan of Fulkari GP
Developed Rain water Harvesting unit at Ghoshpur in Deoghar district for promotion of wate conservation and ground water recharge among the villages
<b>DWSM- Deoghar, Pakur</b> Dessimnated information, education, and communcation in 240 villages community on construction and use of toilet through street play, drawing competen, triggering process
2 wokshop on self construction of IHHL and PWDs friendly toilet issue to PRI members ,JSLPs, BRC & CRC
Facilitated to 1 Sonahautu GP Community of Litipara block in Pakur on OWN Vllage –Own Development through developing their village WaSH scheme and incorporatng to village plan
Facilitated Workshop on open defection Free strategic plan in 6 blocks of Pakur district
Facilitated Janta Darwar at Litipara n block and convergenced Govt scheme especially WaSH issue on the priority basis
Strenthened 36 Farmers club in Mohanpur block through expert meet by Nabard



## LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION

Jharkhand is considered as one of the poor states of India. The financial growth in the rural areas is stunted by low productivity of the cultivated land and due to which poverty is a burning problem in the rural areas which resulted to malnutrition, illiteracy, poor health condition, different antisocial activities etc.

Through different intervention it has been seen that micro-credit empowerment program is a tool which will be able to minimize poverty and prevent the poor and illiterate people to get rid of the so called 'Mahajans'.



## PROMOTION OF SHG

In the last financial year, Gram Jyoti with the support of NABARD has created 50 SHG in Ramgarh Block of Dumka District and established Bank linkages among the existing Groups. We are pleased to say that the Group, after a regular monitoring and follow up is performing best and 590 women became financially independent as well as decision maker in the family. Also now the women became active partner of bank and take an independent decision as per their needs, deposit and withdrawals from the bank. Not only limited in the financial turn over with the Bank, the women of the SHGs are campaigning for literacy, women's rights, right to food, MGNREGA, RTI & RTE, and Gram jyoti is playing role of main facilitator. These activities helped to establish independence and leadership among the community's most vulnerable sections.



## FORMATION OF KISAN CLUB

The main source of economy in the rural areas of Jharkhand is agriculture. Livelihood promotion without ameliorating agriculture is like to 'Cultivate Paddy in the Land of Moon'. That's why in the last financial year we decided to elevate the production of crop through agriculture promotion. In the intervention areas of Gram Jyoti, the topography of the land is rising and falling, Laterite type of soil experiencing unpredictable rainfall making it vulnerable.



We in this situation tried to apply some newer process in the areas. We have formed 35 Kisan Club in the districts of Deoghar (10) and Dumka (25) and made bank linkages with the clubs. The BLOTP has also been executed for the Kisan Clubs. Experts of the organization trained farmers on SRI & SWI and motivated the other farmers to adopt the process. Not to mention, the result was notable and the production of the rice and wheat in the same process got a drastic growth. As well as in the same process of (System of Root Intensification) the farmers are now cultivating other vegetables and got good yield from it.



Mr. Gangu Mahato, a farmer of Mohanpur block under our Project intervention area quoted, "In the previous years when we cultivated in the traditional way, we never got sufficient production and which provided us food only for four to five months, but under the supervision of Gram Jyoti we adopted SRI and SWI which gave a good result and the production has been doubled more than the previous days. Now in our village most of the farmers are adopting the same system. We are heartily thankful to Gram Jyoti and NABARD."

## HEALTH AND HYGIENE

The arena of health and hygiene always remains a biggest platform where Gram Jyoti gave laudable performance since last decade. When we are having the discussion about the Health and Hygiene, the first issue comes as water and sanitation as it is the basic human need and if it is not attained in proper functional way, never it becomes possible to maintain a sound health of individual as well as the society.

## PROMOTION OF WASH

Gram Jyoti throughout the financial year 2013-2014 has played a crucial role for the Strengthening of institutional delivery systems for Integrated water, sanitation and hygiene promotion & Advocacy for WASH rights through PRIs in Deoghar & Pakur districts and achieved a grand success in improving access to safe water and effective sanitation to the vulnerable and marginalized and excluded community in project area besides creating a replicable model through the district as well as for the state also. In the same time the organization has become successful in strengthening school sanitation and hygiene education also advocacy don for inclusion of WASH in the curriculum and a green signal has been given from the department regarding the same.



Gram Jyoti performed a vital role for fund leverage from NRDWP & DWSM and rehabilitated 857 hand pumps in the rural areas and 76 new installations done, about 10543 marginalized, vulnerable and socially excluded people are accessing safe drinking water which is a great achievement of Gram Jyoti.

The organization as a nodal agency of the performed the best for the promotion of the sanitation status and create an open defecation free environment in the rural areas of Jharkhand and Bihar. We have continued massive awareness generation program in the rural areas and developed different IEC tools for the dissemination of the message of hazards of the open defecation and the water and vector born diseases and generated an environment where the community is ready to adopt toilet in their life. Now the community is generating demand for toilets. In the same time we have sensitized the department and the PRIs regarding NBA and MGNREGA convergence and instigated for fund leveraging. In the same context we have trained the CBOs with the support of our donor agency *WATERAID* for piloting the NBA program in their villages.



With the support of **WATER AID INDIA** and *GSF* we have made 256 masons sound on the technology of low cost toilet construction under NBA in the rural areas of Jharkhand and Bihar and practical demo has also been done for the same purpose. Not only are they performing as the mason besides they are working as WASH cadre in the villages for disseminating the message of WASH. Also we have developed 40 master trainers with technical and theoretical know-how of low cost toilet options with the support of *Water Aid India*.



In the same financial year we have achieved milestone in the field of hygiene promotion both in the community and in institutional level. In various training of the CBOs we have trained the front line workers i.e. the Jal Sahiyas, Village Water Sanitation Committee members, the PRI representatives on different hygiene messages also disseminated messages on same through different IEC tools in the community. In the schools and in Anganwari Centers the Motivators have regularly have trip and promoted adaption good hygiene behavior among the students. We have focused on promoting –



- ✓ Hand washing in three critical times
- ✓ Personal Hygiene Management
- ✓ Maintenance and operation of safe drinking water
- ✓ Kitchen garden for the liquid waste management
- ✓ Menstrual Hygiene Management among 15 adolescent girls group and in the institutional level

## ESTABLISHMENTS OF CHILD RIGHTS

Children are the future citizen of the country and the agent to bring change in the society. But in Snathal Pargana Region of Jharkhand the status of the child education and the matter of the protection of the child rights are like to find 'Water in Mars'. Fogs of poverty compelled the parents to send their wards to work to earn in the age of their playing and study. Due to which the rate of the child labor is rapidly increasing in the state and the children are barred out of their basic rights. In certain cases the children missed out of the family and are forced to work in minimum wage for bread and are unjustified and ill treated by the tormentors. The percentage of drop out children in the schools is increasing day by day. Gram Jyoti from very beginning is working on the issue of the protection of the child rights and increase the rate of literacy among the children. In the last financial year (2013-14), with the enormous support of CHILDLINE Gram Jyoti is disseminating the message on Child Rights at random in Deoghar District and its neighboring areas. We have counseled the parents on the children's right to education and not let them work as child labor. Our Team CHILDLINE has successfully meet 18 lost children with their families with the coordination of the GRP and the CWC Deoghar. Also we have enrolled 11 children in the schools and the Anganwari Centers which is a great achievement of Gram Jyoti.



The success of CHILDLINE Deoghar in the last financial year is given in the following tabular form:

Child Lost	Medical Support	Emotional Support & Guide	Restoration
18	12	39	09



## WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

In the rural areas of Jharkhand especially in the Santhal Pargana region women are the most vulnerable and deprived in the society. Never had they got the chance to demand for their rights and to become a decision maker besides the male member of the family. They always remained under the barer that has been stretched by the male dominated social order. Literacy rate among the women is very poor in the areas which is also a major obstruction to raise their voice for demanding rights and the women leads a life without any recognition. Child Marriage is also a burning apprehension for the women. Most of the women suffer malnutrition, drooping health condition. Under weight child birth is a common matter in all this circumstances.

Accessing the above mentioned reasons Gram Jyoti is working on the issue of women empowerment and striving tirelessly to mingle the women with the development of the society with their rights and dignity. The formation of SHGs has contributed a lot in this goal which has promoted those women to the society with awareness and self confidence. The SHGs are now conscious about the establishment of the women rights, right to education and promotion of their health.

The women education is another part of intervention of Gram Jyoti. Without education the women never can raise voice for their rights. The minds of the women were overpowered with the wrong ideas that education is not for them and they are only to maintain the household activities and the family. Repeated meeting, capacity building training and several campaigns have now changed the scenario.

- In the last financial year on the occasion of International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March, 2014) Gram Jyoti organized Jal Sahiya Sammelan In Pakur district of Jharkhand where 700 Jal Sahiyas, PRI members, The honorable DC and the other dignitaries from the department joined in the program and it became a biggest platform for the Jal Sahiyas for interfacing their problems they face during work. In the same program 37 Jal Sahiyas have been awarded for best performance.





- Also 15 Jal Sahiyas of our project areas have been awarded in the Occasion of Jharkhand Sthapana Diwas on 20<sup>th</sup> November for better performance.



- We organized 34 Jal Sahiya Training, 21VWSC training where 1358 women have been empowered and capacitated on the issue of WASH besides developing leadership quality among them.



Another achievement we got to deserve nutrition for the expectant mother. In different Anganwari Centers the system has been regularized and the community also been sensitized. The process brought a lot of awareness in the community and it resulted to a good outcome.



The adolescent group is also in the focus of Gram Jyoti. A large no. of girls of this group were drop out in a certain time. As we focused on the school hygiene with the coordination of WAI, the no. has been possible to cut down. Separate girls' toilets have been introduced with adequate water supply. The teachers have been trained with hygiene education and provided hygiene kit. Additionally distribution of sanitary napkin has been done duly.



## EDUCATION

True education inculcates self-esteem, self-confidence and optimism in an individual. Bring development in the society; generate self-esteem and awaken people to demand their rights without the propagation of true education is like a 'Day Dream'.

With the support of Central Social Welfare Board we are running 10 crèche centers in Deoghar and Mohanpur Blocks of Deoghar District where we are ensuring education for the children between 0-6 years while their parents are out of home for work. Thereafter enroll them with the primary schools. Besides, nutritious Mid Day Meal is being provided to them. In the last financial year 53 children have been given pre-primary education under the scheme. 23 children have been enrolled in the primary school in this financial year.

## ADVOCACY

Advocacy is the best way to interface people to the Government or the department. It is a podium where the voice of the people is raised directly to the department regarding their needs and feelings. Gram Jyoti is working as a cord of communication among the booth and performed the best for the same purpose. Some of the landmarks we attained in the same arena are:

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PWDs RIGHT TO SANITATION

In the financial year 2013-14, Gram Jyoti also played a major role in the district level and in the state level for the establishment of the PWDs right to sanitation which was till now beyond the 'floodlight'. The persons with disabilities were living unhygienic life due to the same. Gram Jyoti organized district level workshop in Pakur and Deoghar district and made advocacy for establishing easy accessible PWD friendly sanitation facilities. In the same context Gram Jyoti developed PWD friendly toilet model and did advocacy for its inclusion in the NBA program. We are pleased to say that the department has accepted the model and assured to have an effort for the inclusion of the same.



Also with the same issue we have organized State Level Workshop in Ranchi. The program is having enormous effect to establish the same issue.

## EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PESA AND TRIBAL SUB PLAN

Gram Jyoti organized a district level workshop with the support of Water Aid India at Vir Kuar Singh Nagar Bhawan, Pakur on 1 - 2 November, 2013. It was the platform for the advocacy for the effective implementation of Tribal Sub Plan and the effective implementation of the PESA act for the development of the tribal people. Also establishment of WASH rights was focused in the program. The honorable chairmen of the Jila Parishad were present in the program. Also the other dignitaries from the district administration level were present in the program. The program developed the well coordination between the PRI and the district administrative level. Also some policy was taken for the development of the life standards of the village tribal people.





**Name of the Project** : Mason training for the promotion of sanitation in rural areas, Bihar

**Project** : GSF –NRMC PVT. LTD.

**Name of the Implementing** : Gram Jyoti, Upper Bilasi Sri Ram Babu Road, Deoghar, Jharkhand

### Objective of the project

- To enhance the knowledge and skill of 150 masons towards construction of responsive and affordable sanitation in Rajgir Block of Nalanda District Maner Block pf Patna Dist & Banka District of Bihar.
- To make available 150 skilled meson human resources for supply chains comprising rural stationary mart and production centre.
- To provide low cost sanitary latrine construction options among the community through trained Rajgir Block of Nalanda District Maner Block pf Patna Dist & Banka District of Bihar.



150 completed evaluation forms were returned to us. We appreciate the detail with which many of the forms were filled in, providing us with concrete ideas and reflections for further improving the course. The main outcomes from these evaluations, especially addressing course content and methodology are summarized below. A compilation of all scores and comments has been made.



In general the course was evaluated quite positively. The organizing team was very impressed by the amount of motivation and hard work put into the products by the participants. The energy levels were amazing, there were fruitful discussions and the outputs were of high quality considering the short time. The group was also a pleasant group, people were open and some nice connections were made.

The participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to do hands- on work.

Especially the work in smaller groups and the support by the local experts in understanding the processes was rated highly.

Many participants would have liked more time to discuss this and exchange experiences. The world café on day 5 was highly valued and the small group discussions during the week also provided space for reflection and discussion.

More space/ time for participants to talk and reflect could be created through: world café at the beginning to discuss these conceptual issues, and revisit them again; Quick recap every morning, after action review/ short evaluation every day; a session for participants to share/show in their background, experiences, tools; more time on day 5 to discuss follow-up and learning's.

There were quite varied expectations about the course and the amount of practical skills to be trained. This also was reflected in the fears and expectations and in the end-evaluation. Issues that participants would have liked to learn more about focused mainly on how to integrate skilled work with Govt. programs and scheme into their work.

## *Case Studies*

### *Lost Jamaluddin got back to his parents*

#### **Background**

Jamaluddin Ansari, a boy of 11 judged by his physical appearance was missing from his house. The parents tried their best to find their lost child but in vain.

His father Mr. Naseruddin is an inhabitant of Khirkia under Kushinagar district, Uttar Pradesh but stays in Delhi as he worked there in a factory.

The boy is mentally disabled by birth. Besides he was having some

physical unfitness too. The boy with a desire to meet his father went out of his house and boarded on Vaishali Express by 8 am from the nearby Khirkiya rail way station on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013. He got down from the train at Jasidh station of Deoghar district, Jhrkhand. Then he was roaming here and there. On 25.08.2013 CHILD LINE Deoghar received the child from the Nagar Thana (Mahila) getting the information of the missing boy from there. At that time the boy had severally injured at his both knees and left elbow. Rather he was not in well physical condition.





## ***Intervention***

After receiving the boy, he was taken to the hospital for the first aid and treatment as he was injured from different parts of the body. Then the organization took all the responsibilities of Jamaluddin. It was quiet tough task for team CHILD LINE to treat the mentally retarded boy or to get a proper address of the boy because no information provided by the boy is reliable. Also the non cooperation from the department was



an adverse climate to trace the address of the boy. The team members worked hard to admit faith in his mind. Later on gradually some information came to the hand and enquiry started. It was really tough for the team members to deal with a mentally retarded boy. The volunteers with patience in mind, along with the whole team members keep calm and thus they become able to be friendly to the boy. The demands of the boy were one sort of absurd but those have been looked out skillfully and tactfully and made him soothe. Sometime he behaved very rudely and asked for his father and became very angry. Then the members made him cool by their affectionate behavior and made understand that they are informing his father and he will meet him soon. The staffs always tried to make him entertained by TV show, playing carom, telling stories and some time reciting from the Holy Quran. Religion never became any obstruction for the boy; thought of untouchability never engraved the mind and heart of any member of the team CHILD LINE.

Meanwhile the members also arranged all the official part to hand over the child to his family members. The address told by Jamaluddin was traced and was found to be true. Then the parents were contacted and informed to present on 30th of August, 2013 at Deoghar Nagar Thana with all ID proof and all the relevant documents to demand Jamaluddin as their son. On the selected date on behalf of the organization the team members went to the Nagar Thana. Tears rolled down to see their child in a safe and healthy condition. It was a great moment for the family to get back their child. The boy also recognized his parents. The team CHILD LINE with the officials verified all the documents. Then as per the norms the child is handed over to the parents Mr. Naseruddin and Naija. It was great to visualize the meeting of the boy missing from the family for more than four months.

# Case Study

## *A Gentle Touch of Trust and Sympathy*

Human being is the best mechanism that god has executed skillfully. By his grace we come to the world but sometimes people get such a 'gift' from him that becomes burden for the individual. Disability is that 'crucial gift' which seems to make the individual encumber for his or her own life as well as the family and society.

Chamiya, a girl of seven (not to be judged by her physical appearance) from the village Sirsa Nunthar under Mohanpur block, is suffering that 'gift'. She is multi-disabled child (mentally and physically) in born. She was burden for the parents Anita Devi and Khowa Roy. From the very beginning of her life she is growing with resentment of the parents and the other family members. The parents first became very depressed to have Chamiya. Later on the depression became resentment. Anita Devi said with tear in her voice "If god takes her back from the world in his own arm, she will get release from such unendurable pain and too we to see her pain". The tearful voice could say no more.

From the very first day of her life Chamiya lies stretched on the bed with extreme reluctance of the family and in unhygienic way soiled with her own excreta. Those innocent eyes only are open and her speechless tongue never had any protest.

The organization approached to the family and talked to the parents and realized how helpless the OBC family is and take pledge to change the scenario. The VLM went to the family regularly. To wash away the indifference of the parents was a very challenging task. The well monitoring stirred the mind of the parents. They were made understood that the disability will not be any more burden for them as the Govt. is providing support and assisting to give the disabled people a normal life to live. The monitors regularly implemented some exercises to Chamiya which resulted soon. She started a little bid movement of her limbs. The parents saw a light of hope. They started to give Chamiya regular exercises and the response was notable. The resentment and the indifference converted to affection gradually and Anita Devi takes enough care for her daughter now. They now make Chamiya to sit on. The depressed faces of the family members now glow with smile with a new hope that their Chamiya will get heal later on.

Gram Jyoti also has provided the family a disable-friendly toilet with the co-operation of WAI. Also the organization has afforded Chamiya a wheel chare and the PWD certificate with the assistance of the district administrative. Now the parents took her to the toilet with the wheel chare and sometime to have a move on. The parents are today very happy.

The scenario got a drastic change. At a time the parents turned their face from their daughter but now they care for their daughter with full of affection. She seems no more a burden for them now. Anita Devi says "Without your support we would never get back our daughter like now nor revive our lost affection. We are grateful to Gram Jyoti."





# From the Media

