

### ***From The Desk of the Secretary***

We, SMOKUS, have been working hard to improve the economical, social and environmental conditions of the poor people. This report aims at giving a clear idea on how our organization have stand beside the people in need with an opportunity of a better livelihood. With a strong belief and by keeping up the commitment has shown towards poor people, the organization is really able to make change happen. Shripur Mahila -O- Khadi Unnayan Samity does its best to combat the major challenges in relation to development. Activities against Human Trafficking have been a most vital role of our organization all throughout this years of SMOKUS. Our main activity of human rights mainly for the women, child care has developed a benchmark in the subdivision and now they are trying to cross the boundary. Child Rights has been our one of the most remarkable process depending on which we developed child centres for providing children better livelihood. A Village Resource Centre has been developed too where Computer Education Training is provided to students. Our collaborative effort with Block and district organizations is our key strength. Shripur Mahila -O- Khadi Unnayan Samity expresses its sincere gratitude to the resource agencies which supports the efforts for the improvement of the poor people. I truly think that this kind of partnership between the so-called developed and developing worlds is the positive side of the globalization. We also thank the Government of West Bengal for its supports towards the activities. I am grateful to all the colleagues for their hard work and perseverance in difficult times with their untiring efforts. Together, we are gradually improving the local conditions by coping with various areas. Change takes time as it deals with the evolution of the mentalities and of the behaviors. The achievements reached in this year only constitutes a small step toward the fully development of the Indian rural area. However, we expect that one day, with the addition of all the positive changes achieved years after years, the local society will be strong enough to ensure to itself all the basic standards of living a human deserves to decently live.

With best wishes,

**Jaba Bhattacharjee**

**Secretary**

## **Background**

It was mid 1990, a few college going girls with vivacity and social concerns confronted with social reality of suppression, marginalization and pathos of rural gentry. These budding women from various parts of Uttar Dinajpur with an approach to do better for the said rural populace; contact few more women and the organization came in to its existence. Extensive interaction between the volunteers and their own money was the primary resource for the upcoming social organization and their modest planning and its implementation. The organization started to provide various services related with protection of women health under Raiganj, Kaliyaganj and Itahar Block. The effort continued for more than 3 years. By strengthening community people, they have been take part of different movement with various demands about livelihood and establish their rights. Thus the organization was formed for the women, focused for their causes and women empowerment as their basic, so in process rights of the women taken center stage of organizational endeavor. Organization came strongly with the individual victims of domestic violence.

## **Vision:**

A dynamic civil society influencing policies and actions at all levels to safeguard the global environment and promote sustainable development.

## **Mission:**

To build up a cadre of socially conscious youth in the field of community development through capacity building, mainstreaming and strengthen civil society partnership by enhancing participation, contributing to policy and stimulating action.

## **Functional area:**

The development activities of SMOKUS are spread over Nineteen Gram Panchayats in four blocks of Uttar Dinajpur district namely:

Raiganj Block - Rampur, Bindol, Sitgram, Sherpur, Mahipur and Bahin G.P,

Kaliaganj Block - Radhikapur Bochadanga, Anastapur, Baruna, Dhankol and Malgoan G.P

Itahar Block - Kapashia, Durgapur, Durlovpur, Itahar and Patirajpur G.P,

Karandighi Block - Rasakhoa I and II G.P.

Matigara Block – Patharghata G.P.

## **Activities in Detail**

### **Child Resource centres:**

No of Centre	GP	Block	District	Children
4	Bindole	Raiganj	Uttar Dinajpur	135 (Male-54,Female-81)
1	Rampur	Raiganj	Uttar Dinajpur	33 (Male-13,Female-20)

**Effects of implementing schedule activities (For children):**

- 1) Parents got excited as the centre started
- 2) Increase fervency of children
- 3) Raising awareness

**Difficulties of implementing schedule activities:**

- 1) Lack of skilled persons
- 2) Community superstition, Religious bigotry, Non cooperate eminent persons
- 3) Lack of follow on and monitoring process

**Annual sports:**

SMOKUS sponsored the children 'Annual Sports activity' with 125 children participants at the Bindole High School ground. A total of 16 sports events and group dynamics competition events were held during the sports meet.

**Exposure Visit:**

To ease the feelings of alienation harbored by economically disadvantaged children towards perceived affluence of mainstream society, SMOKUS provided a treat to 100 children from Bindole during the week-long Durga Puja celebration by organising a Durga Puja Parikrama in Raiganj town. The children went to *pandal*. The District Superintendent of Police personally arranged for a police bus for transportation.

**Information of workshops & Seminars:**

No. of Workshop & Seminar	Participates	Level
6 (Workshop)	235	Block level
2 (Seminar)	125	

Meeting Types	No. of Meeting	Themes	Participates
Community Meetings	62	MGNREGA & PRI, Migration & Anti trafficking, Child Rights	2792
Orientations	34	MGNREGA, Health (JSY and RSBY), Nutrition	1598
CSO-PRI Joint Campaigning	34	MGNREGA, Health (JSY and RSBY), Nutrition	2108

### **Earning and Employment Development Scheme:**

The main motto of this scheme is to create employment and financial independence for poor women in villages. In our existing socio economic system usually males are involved in monetary production works. Here women work only to provide assistance to their male counterparts. SMOKUS believes that development comes in full-fledge when all the members of society contribute into gross financial escalation. So, SMOKUS took the initiative to spread the message and functions about this along with the awareness about earning and employment scheme.

Block	GP	Number of Villages	Number of Groups	Members	Total Amount(Rs.)	Loan (Recovered) (Rs.)
Raiganj	Bindole	10	15	150	130000.00	60000.00

### **Effect of Work Scheme:**

- Increase in financial mobility.
- Status of women has increased in family and society.
- Children are influenced to get educated.

### **Problem:**

- Less loan, more demand
- Lack of fund.

### **Other Activities:**

**I) Independence Day Celebration**

**II) Celebration of the Children's day**

**III) World Aids day**

**IV) Fortnightly Campaign against Violence on Women & Children**

**V) Youth Day Celebration & Swami Vivekananda Jayanti**

**VI) Celebration Netaji's (Subhash Chandra Bose) Birth Day**

## VII) Republic Day Celebration

## VIII) International Women's Day Celebration

### Training Programmes organized by SMOKUS:

<b>Training Programmes</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Supported By:</b>
<b>Jute Diversification</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>NYK</b>
<b>Vermi Compose</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>7 days</b>	<b>NABARD</b>
<b>Sanitary Napkin</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>1 Month</b>	<b>GHP</b>
<b>Tailoring &amp; Embroidery</b>	<b>2009/2010/2011/2012</b>	<b>3 Months Each Year</b>	<b>NABARD</b>
<b>Beauticians Training</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>3 Months Each Year</b>	<b>NABARD</b>
<b>Computer Training</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>SMOKUS</b>

### Advocacy:

The different advocacy done with government /Non government systems and its success can be narrated as:

- 5 women received the amount under JSY scheme
- 11 women received widow pension
- 9 women received old age pension
- 14 disable person received disability pension
- 30 tribal families were able to brought under BPL category with the initiative by SHGs/PRATYA
- Preventing 4 child marriages
- Rescued 7 girls

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