

# NOIDA LOK MANCH WORKING TOGETHER ANNUAL REPORT-2013-2014

Another year has been added to our wonderful journey of social commitment.

Noidaities are aware of the immense difference that NOIDA LOK MANCH, a registered non-profit, non-political socially conscious NGO since 1998 is meant for the lives of the people of GautamBudh Nagar. We continued as an established leader in the district as a people's initiative, making educational and medical services and facilities available and accessible to the weakest segments of society without any discrimination.

Enumerated below are some of the activities in which the Noida Lok Manch was engaged during this year.

## 1. Disaster Management

In June 2013, a multi-day cloudburst centered on the North Indian state of Uttarakhand caused devastating floods and landslides in the country's worst natural disaster since the 2004 tsunami. Numerous people tourists and locals lost their lives.

Destruction of bridges and roads left about 100,000 pilgrims and tourists trapped in the valleys and the Indian Air Force, the Indian Army, and paramilitary troops evacuated a large number of sufferers.

Noida Lok Manch has always been in the forefront for many disasters that have hit our country. The **NLM Disaster Management Team** was formed and Distribution of the first consignment of relief material to Uttarakhand was effected through the **kind offices of the Red Cross and District Collector**. Distribution of relief material was 100% reaching out to the specific flood affected people.

In the second consignment of relief material, distribution of the remaining 250 + odd bags were initiated in with the support of the '**Forest Department**' of the Uttarakhand government since they are the only people

who are in constant link with the forest people and people living in the remote difficult to access areas.

We have been able to provide a truckload containing 11500 packets of non perishable food items for the victims at the flood effected Uttarakhand state. On our visit we realized that we should help in rehabilitation of the village also. Noida Lok Manch's '**Mission**' concerning this programme is immediate **EMPOWERMENT** of the local population, to achieve a level of **Functional Computer Capability** beyond the prescribed boundaries of routine education programmes with the '**Focus**' on self-supporting capability and professional skills, computer proficiency and computer-aided training and education. Two computer centers have been set up at Village Parkhandi and Village Mansuna. Laptops, furniture items, inverter have been provided and we are hoping that within six months the centers will be self sufficient in training the local population so that they can be employed.

The International Goodwill Society of India organized a talk on the Environmental; changes in Uttarakhand and cause of disasters. Dr. Yogendra Narain IAS was the Chief Guest and Dr. S.S. Shashi of Goodwill Society requested Noida Lok Manch to appraise the gathering with the help of a presentation of the relief work that was being carried out by our NGO.

## 2. Education

**Sanskar Kendra Schools** are being managed by **Noida LokManch**. The Schools are being run for the multi – faceted development and welfare of children from villages and backward areas. Many individuals from the higher strata of society like retired IAS Officers, Senior Teachers, Principals and Women volunteers from good families are helping and cooperating in running these schools.

SanskarKendra Schools, from Nursery till class V111, are situated in village Sharfabad, sec 73, village GarhiChaukhandi sec 68, village Sorakha, sec 115 and are **recognized by NIOS**. The school timings are 8.45am to 2.15pm.

**Regular Inter School Competitions and Inter Village School Competitions** were held during the year. Some of the competitions encouraged were

rangoli making, poster making , drawing, sports as well as Hindi & English word competitions. The Sports Day of the school was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup>& 14<sup>th</sup> February and 6 different schools participated in the event.

**Regular Participation at the BalSahyog NGO interaction meets.** This enables our School children to interact with the Committee at large and to feel how much the society is concerned in their better upbringing.

Ms. GayathriMohan , Managing Trustee- Steria India Foundation and Vice President , CR India, Steria visited the Skill training Centers at Sanskar Kendra Schools Garhi and Sorkha and the center received 10 computers each from the esteemed organization.

One of our regular Founder Donor's, M/S Dharam Pal Prem Chand distributed approximately 750-800 action shoes to the students of our schools. Ladies watches were given to the teachers for their valuable service to the schools.

### 3. Noida Public Library

Noida Public Library at D-134, Sector-15 having a covered area of 630 sq meters, at Ground Floor is being managed by Noida Lok Manch with a vision to upgrade and equip the library with versatile community utility.

No of books in Library	45000
No of newspapers daily	12
No of complimentary newspapers	22
No of magazines	22

No of complementary magazines	5
Library Timing	9 am to 6 pm Monday to Saturday
Reading Room Timing	7 am to 10pm
No of users daily	160-180

The Membership details of Library are as under:

1. Life Members 72 approximately
2. Annual Members 300 approximately
3. Reading Room Members 75 approximately

The Library had the privilege of the visit of Shri Rama Raman, Chief Executive Officer Noida Authority in January this year. The various problems being faced in the Library were brought to Mr. Raman's notice and he had assured that upgradation of Library, Computerization, supply of new books and furniture, provision of more space by construction of 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, would be given priority so that more space is available. Mr. Akhilesh Singh, DCEO (A) has been appointed as Nodal Officer for the Library and we hope to see a better equipped library in the next financial year.

## 4. AntimNiwas

**The AntimNiwas management was handed over to us by NOIDA AUTHORITY in 2001.** During these 13 years with the help and guidance of our volunteers and Donors as well as the Noida Authority, we have been able to offer not only sympathy but assistance and empathy to make the final parting easier on those who have the onerous duty of performing the last rites for the departed soul.

**This is the only Shavdahgrah in India with fixed costs and charges without any variable or discriminatory/premium rates of facilities. Absolute free cremation services are provided for any unclaimed body and the economically weaker section is given discount depending on the financial capacity of the family of the deceased.**

The chart shows the number of bodies which have been given discount.

Month	Total Bodies	Claimed bodies cremated at AntimNiwas	Unclaimed bodies cremated at AntimNiwas	Amt of discount on unclaimed bodies in
April' 13	127	117	10	21750
May' 13	155	140	15	23625
June' 13	165	140	25	39375
July' 13	177	158	19	41325
August' 13	185	161	24	52200
Sept' 13	215	192	23	50025
Oct' 13	189	176	13	28275
Nov' 13	187	174	13	28275
Dec' 13	170	163	7	15225
Jan' 14	173	165	8	17400
Feb' 14	136	127	9	19575
March' 14	172	157	15	32625
<b>Total</b>	<b>2051</b>	<b>1870</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>369675</b>

The Noida Lok Manch, NGO is extremely grateful to Noida Authority for providing the CNG facility at the AntimNiwas. It will certainly help in the cremation of the unclaimed bodies, will be less time consuming as well as eco-friendly system of cremation. The CNG crematorium is ready and gas supply has also been started. It is just about to be commissioned.

## 5. OTHER SOCIAL FIELDS

**Noida Lok Manch has always been in the forefront to help the needy segment of society.**

The chart below enumerates the same:

Sr No.	Beneficiary	Items provided
1	Zarina Begum for marriage of two daughters	2 bicycles, 2 sewing machines, 2 folding beds, bedding sets, blanket, clothes and utensils.

2	VidyaWati's daughter marriage	Utensils, clothes and cash
3	GulabChandravanshi's daughter's marriage	Utensils, clothes, folding beds and bedding set and cash 1100/-
4	Digvijays' sister's marriage	Utensils, clothes and cash 2100/-
5	Marriage two orphan girls	Two blankets, 2 bedding sets, clothes
6	Ms. Shabnam's College admission fee for 3rd year BA(Hons) Pol Sc at Miranda House	Rs.5000/-
7	Marriage of Gulbari's granddaughter	Rs.21000/- cash, 2 folding bed, bedding sets and utensils.
8	Jhuggi dwellers of Sector 16 17 & 18 Noida	Sarees, shawls blankets distributed throughout the year
9	M/S Steria India's scheme for distribution of scholarship to deserving students	Rs. 24000/-

## 6. Health Causes

Regular health checkups of the students of the Sanskar Kendra Schools were held during the year.

Hope & Helping Hands Inc USA & Devki Nandan Kalawati Welfare Trust, (Dr. Shanker Lal Gupta & Dr. Arun Sangal eye surgeon) in collaboration with Noida Lok Manch organized an Eye Health camp at the Noida Public Library on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013. Besides general health checkup, eye testing was done and those in need of cataract operation were operated upon at subsidized rates.

<b>Health Checkup camp at Library on 23rd &amp; 24th Nov 2013</b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Ladies</b>	<b>Physicians</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Eyes</b>	<b>Total</b>
23.11.2013	113	274	304	195	886
Saturday					
24.11.2013	106	137	232	163	744
Sunday					
Total					1630
	Specks issued	165			
	Cataract operations	16			