

ANNUAL REPORT



Society for Empowerment

2020-21

Message from Chairman



Dear Friends,

Society For Empowerment (SFE) on behalf of all fellow humans during the year 2020- 2021 envisaged to promote the philosophy and preaching of Mahatma Gandhi in alleviating the suffering of common mass arising due to indiscriminate development.

Our Society has firm faith in the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi and we believe that in the present era of turmoil in Global Geopolitics, erratic climatic changes and global pandemics, the role and relevance of Philosophy of Gandhi is the Panacea for all struggles of human race.

Society for Empowerment at this hour of challenge is working for the holistic development of the people in general, women, and children and deprived section of the society. We have tried to spread the message of peace and “Ahhimsa” through our policy research and also through various dissertations of the eminent speakers who have participated in our initiative, in the policy framework.

On the auspicious day of 08th August , The day on which 'Quit India' movement was launched by Mahatma Gandhi, the Society For Empowerment envisaged to promote the concept of nonviolence and AHMISA of Father of Nation through a series of international seminars.

As Albert Einstein pointed out: “We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them”, it can be said that time has come when reemphasizing the Gandhian Value in social and economic life is required. This needs to be reemphasized, quantified and qualified today.

We are glad to inform that even in the hour of lockdown during the previous year, your society has contributed in policy framework. Our policy reports has shown that the social and cultural traits have helped us to limit the impact of pandemic.

Professor Emeritus Sachindra Narayan
Chairman, SFE

Economic Scenario:

India's 2020 population is estimated at 1,380,004,385 people at mid-year according to UN data. India population is equivalent to 17.7% of the total world population. India ranks number 2 in the list of countries (and dependencies) by population. About 35.0 % of the population is urban (483,098,640 people in 2020) and the median age in India is 28.4 years.

The Indian economy was negatively impacted by an unprecedented health crisis in 2020-21 with the highly contagious corona virus (Covid-19) spreading across the country. In response to the pandemic, Government has taken several proactive preventive and mitigating measures starting with progressive tightening of international travel, issue of advisories for the members of the public, setting up quarantine facilities, contact tracing of persons infected by the virus and various social distancing measures.

The lockdown measures, imposed to contain the spread of Covid-19 pandemic in India, ubiquitously affected employment, business, trade, manufacturing, and services activities.

India adopted a four-pillar strategy of containment, fiscal, financial, and long-term structural reforms. Calibrated fiscal and monetary support was provided, cushioning the vulnerable during the lockdown and boosting consumption and investment while unlocking. Monetary policy remained accommodative during 2020. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank met five times since March 2020.

The Economic Survey 2021, expects the Indian economy to grow by 11% in real terms (adjusted for inflation) during 2021-22. This is close to the growth of 11.5% forecast by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). This is good news for our economy and the figures for the third quarter says that the Indian economy is out of recession and entering into the growth trajectory. Of the major sectors, this year agriculture sector is expected to grow by 3.4%.

Governing Board of Society for Empowerment

Governance is the need of the hour in the holistic and sustainable development of the sector in order to ensure and promote application of best management practices, compliance of law and adherence to best possible ethical standards.

Scope of the Governing Board: The Governing Board takes regular inputs from the Executive Committee. The Governing Board sets the vision and broad guidelines for the organisation and ensures good governance in liaison with the executive committee.

The entire management processes and practices of Society For Empowerment in totality endeavours for compliance with the principles of Good Governance. The Governing Board comprises of eminent, reputed and technically competent people from diverse backgrounds and expertise and met quarterly during the year.

Members of the Governing Board			
Sr. No	Name	Brief	Photographs
1	Shri A. K. Pandey	Retired: IAS Additional Chief Secretary Government of Jharkhand	
2	Shri Anand Vardhan Sinha	Retired: IAS Additional Chief Secretary Government of Bihar	
3	Sachindra Narayan	Professor Emeritus ISS, New Delhi	
4	Prof. Dr. Jyoti. Bindal	M.S., FACS, FICS, FICOG, LLB, PGDHM, Vice Chancellor, Aurobindo University Ex. Dean & C.E.O. of M.G.M. Medical College, Indore and Ex. Director Gwalior Mansik Arogyashala	

Society For Empowerment Objective

We are working for equality, empowered, gender free, hunger free and discrimination free society.

The ongoing current focus areas are:

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| SFE Focus Areas | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gandhi & Happiness2. Gandhi & Conflict Management.3. Awareness on Human Rights4. Imparting Financial Literacy & Awareness among Public.5. Employment Awareness Programms for Senior Citizens6. Awareness on Human Rights. |
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Society For Empowerment

2020- 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR

1	Project Work	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. State Planning Commission, Government of Chattisgarh, "<i>New Initiative of Chattisgarh Government (since 2018) and its impact on socio- economic development of the state with particular reference to vulnerable population</i>".2. COVID 19 and its Impact on Tribes of Bihar.3. Mushhar of Bihar : Impact Assessment4. Vocal For Tribal And Rural India (VRTI)
2	Ongoing Projects:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The society has associated with National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM), Ministry of Home Affairs for organizing a Webinar on Webinar on Child Rights in Emergencies and Disasters on 31.03.2021.2. Provided Relief Material during Pandemic3. Meeting with International Writer Shri Sharad Mohan, USA on Rebooting Bihar on 07.03.2021 at New Delhi.4. Society is in discussion with "Not On Map "for adoption of Sahapur village in Block Bela Gaya District.5. Documentary on Gandhi in Folklore
3	Research Work Published	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID 19 and its Impact on Tribes of India: Jharkhand.• COVID 19 and its Impact on Tribes of Chattisgarh• Booklet on "Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Contemporary Scenario: Global Peace".

4	Resolutions	<p>Established an <u>International Chair on “Institute on Contemporary Gandhian Policy”</u>.</p> <p>The chair is being presided by Shri A.V.Sinha Retd. I.A.S. The chair has started its function and is based at Patna.</p>
5	Webinar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Migrant Workers in Bihar: 30th May 2020. 2. The Status of Laborers in This Global Pandemic Period 05th June 2020. 3. Role of Kasturba Gandhi in Society Development 14th July 2020. 4. International webinars “Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Contemporary Scenario: Global Peace 08th August to 29th August 2020. 5. International Webinar on 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi: Swaraj & Atmnirbhar Bharat. 6. Financial Inclusion in Nomadic Tribe 19.10.2020. 7. Financial Inclusion in Women 08.11.2020 8. Ganadhi in Folklore 30.11.2020. 9. Communication & Financial Inclusion 06.12.2020 10. Gandhi & Mental Health in India 20.12.2020 11. Farmer in Tribal India 10.01.2021 12. Webinar on Buddha-Gandhi and Mental Health in India 30.01.2021. 13. Webinar on Post Covid and Role of Doctors 14.02.2021 14. Webinar on Housing in Tribal India 16.02.2021

		<p>15. Webinar on Role of Banks in Atamnirbhar Bharat 27.02.2021</p> <p>16. India of My dream 07.03.2021.</p> <p>17. Pandemics-Natural Disaster And People's Response: A Case Study Of India 21.03.2021.</p> <p>18. Webinar on Child Rights in Emergencies and Disasters on 31.03.2021.</p>
	Distinguished National Speaker of the Webinar	
4	National Speaker of the Webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Bhupesh Baghel Chief Minister Chattisgarh • Shri Sanjay Mayukh National Media Co Head, BJP • Shri Tushar Gandhi • Ms.Jayshree Vyas MD, Mahilla Sewa Bank • Dr.Jyoti Bindal • Dr. Mitashree Mishra • Ms. Bhadra Bahan Gujarat Vidyapeeth • Shri R.V. Verma Chairman AU Bank • Shri D P Sinha Information Commissioner, GoI • CA Ashish Niraj • Shri Arun Anand, CEO, Indraprastha Vishwa Samvad Kendra, India • Dr. Arvind Sinha Advisor MICA • Professor Vijoy Sahay • Shri Vijoy Prakash • Dr. Shobha Kujur • Prof Krishna Raj ISEC Bangalore

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. A. K. Pandey • Dr. Ashutosh Sharan • Professor M.R.Ganagadhar • Dr.Aman Kishore • Dr.J.P.Agarwal • Profesor Ravindra Brahme • Professor S.N.Chaudhary • Prof. R.D. Maurya • Dr. Rupendra Kavi • Dr. Ramgulam Razdan • Ms.Manisha Srivastava • Ms. Ankita Tripathi • Ms. A . Ushabala • Ms.Phanni Desmukh • Ms. Rajani Sharma • Ms. Nandini Mehta • Shri Ravikesh Mishra • Ms.Gita Bahan
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5	Distinguished International Speakers of the Webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Arun Gandhi (Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, U.S.A). • Dr. Olek Netzer , (Israel) • Dr.William Westerman (USA) • Ms. Verónica Rodríguez de Guruceaga (Venezuela) • Mr. Alfonso Poncho Hernández (Mexico)
6	Media Coverage	<p>The work of the society was covered in the News channel, News 24, Sadhna News, Preetyush News and print media in, Hindustan Times, Hindustan , Telegraph , Dainik Bhaskar, Prabhat Khabar, The Print etc.</p>

“Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Contemporary Scenario: Global Peace”



Gandhiji in global scenario: Chief Minister inaugurates a 4-day international webinar organized on the theme of global scenario and Gandhiji

Gandhian thinkers from different countries are taking part in the webinar

The international webinar was Inaugurated by Hon'ble Shri Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh on 08th August 2020.

Special Guest



Shri Arun Gandhi
(Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi)



Shri Tushar Gandhi
(Great - Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi)



Shakuntala Chaudhary
Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Ulubari, Guwahati

Special Address

		
Shri Arun Anand CEO, Indraprastha Vishwa Samvad Kendra (15.08.2020)	Shri Vijoy Prakash Chairman, Bihar Vidyapeeth (22.08.2020)	Shri D.P.Sinha Central Information Commissioner (29.08.2020)

Participants of the International Webinar

International Speakers

			
Dr. Olek Netzer (Israel)	William Westerman (U.S.A)	Verónica R Guruceaga (Venezuela)	Alfonso Poncho Hernández (Mexico)

National Speakers

			
Bhadra Bahan (Gujarat)	Dr. Jyoti Bindal (Madhya Pradesh)	Prof. M. Mitra (Chattisgarh)	Dr. Shiwani (Bihar)

			
Dr. Shobha Kujur (Jharkhand)	Geeta Goswami (Assam)	Dr. S. Narayan (Bihar)	A. K. Pandey (Jharkhand)
			
Shri A. V. Sinha (Bihar)	Dr. Vijay Sahay (Uttar Pradesh)	Shri Bhairav Lal Das (India)	Shri Sunil Dubey Chattisgarh



Meeting with International Writer Shri Sharad Mohan, USA on Rebooting Bihar



Distribution of Relief Material During Pandemic

COVID 19 and its Impact on Tribes of Chhattisgarh



Executive Report


Professor Sachindra Narayan
Chairman, Society for Empowerment

Research Method used in this Study:

The anthropological research method and traditional techniques of data collection has been undertaken. The team has interacted with the Scheduled Tribes in their habitat and has been audio video, visualized. Various media reports and Social schemes of the state, new initiatives and its impact has been also kept in context. Data has been collected at the grass root level and also the indigenous social and cultural practices followed have been imbibed in the research module alike as under:

- a. Life Style of Tribes
- b. Herbs & Medicinal Plant
- c. Social & Economic Status of the Individual
- d. Community Involvement and diatribes.

Impact of Covid 19: Social & Livelihood on Tribal



Corona Awareness In Tribal Areas



Corona Awareness In Tribal Areas



Maintaining Social Distance



Corona Awareness In Tribal Areas



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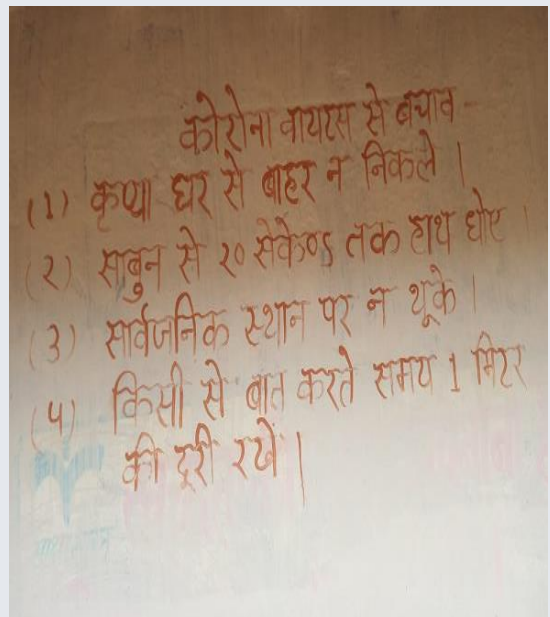
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Maintaining Hygiene

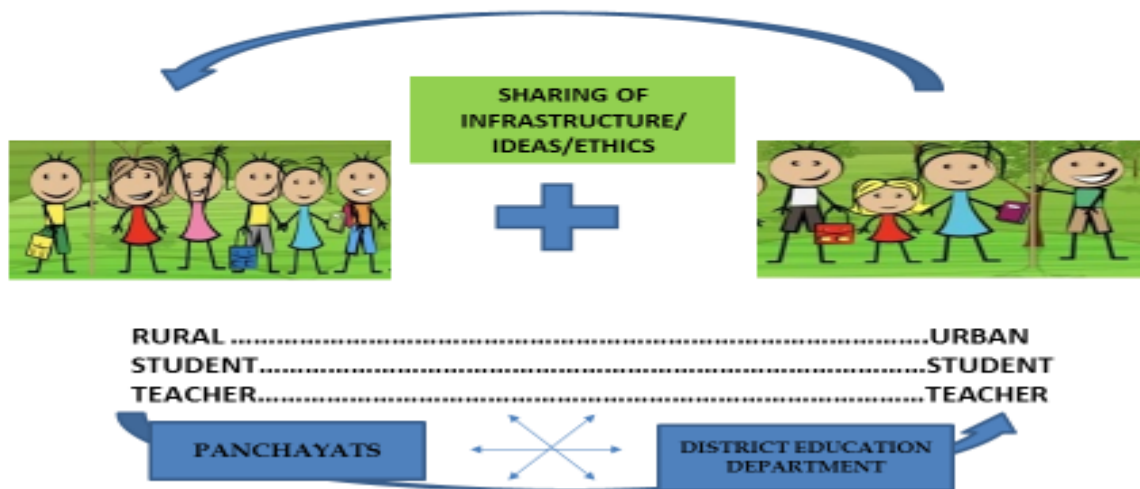


Social Distancing: Kunkuri Block Jashpur



Awareness Messages

Mentor Mentee Model For Schools



Out of box thinking is required, for this the promotion of the social institutions and community/social leaders is desired. What we have learnt from our experience that the institutions of social excellence which were established post-independence have gradually crumbled. Policy at the government level is not the only reason for their fall, but the inherent clash of social, economic, castes etc. interest made it incoherent and lead to, its fall. These were Centre of policy behemoths yet with diminishing returns. Since last three decades of liberalisation, at this juncture, it is felt that these institution had a relevance but the structure and composition in present times needs a total change. Our focus should be on generating grass root thinkers/policy makers who let it be; not a formally highly qualified, yet has the feel of the local problems and can offer practical, sustainable indigenous solutions. The recognition of Panchayats by 73rd amendment was an important change.



Study on COVID 19 and its Impact on Tribes of India Jharkhand

Impact Assessment:

- **Economic life:** Economic activities are completely stopped due to lock down at district and block level. The indigenous items such as fruit, vegetable, fish , Chickens could not be sold in the local haats/markets. *Economically tribals in general are in distress and requires special attention of the Government.*



Haat in Chakradharpur (Jharkhand)- Change in Nature of Market { Impact on the behavior of the people (seller/buyer)}

- **World View :** Tribals are very rich in terms of their world view but since the lockdown they are unable to meet and discuss with their relatives and kinsmen which has greatly affected their world view and ethos.
- **Social Impact:** Tribals are unable to visit their traditional institutions which has brought change in their life style; say for example a Tanabhagat just after getting ready use to host their flad ; used to have morning prayer in group but in lockdown period they are confined to their huts/home. Generally, they used to have a common group programme for the day but now they have individual programme.
 - Birth of a child is most welcome in the family. Since last 3 decades or so birth use to take place in primary health care centres/hospital but now in corona pandemic, birth has been taking place in home. Group functions are restricted and rituals are performed among close family members. Relatives are not being called or they could not be able to attend the rituals due to restricted movements.
 - Chatti (child naming ceremony) Marriage Ceremony, Death Ritual are changed to a great extent.



The webinar was inaugurated by **Shri Raj Vikash Verma**, Chairman A U Small Finance Bank. The other panelist who have taken the session were Ms. Bhadra Bahan (Retd. Prof. Gujarat Vidyapeeth), Shri Sudershan Iyengar (Former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth), Ms. Nirmala

Karkatha(Tribals Worker), Shri Vijoy Prakash(Chairman, Bihar Vidyapith), Shri A K Pandey(Chairman, Housing Corporation, Jharkhand), Shri R R Prasad(Former Director, NIRD Hyderabad) & Smt. Shobha Kujur, Professor Chatra College.

Major consensus emerging post deliberation:

- For tribes and nomadic tribes financial literacy through Financial Literacy Centers (FLCs) and rural branches of banks to be undertaken.
- Organizing Financial Literacy Haats” on weekly/fortnightly basis for nomadic/tribes.
- Incorporate financial education in primary & secondary school curriculum in association with State Governments.
- SHG/BC/Asha Bahans/Bank Sakhi to be motivated through capacity building programs for tribal districts.
- Marketing of Eco friendly tribal products/medicines through Bank’s Rural Branches in association with SHG/JLG/BC/NGOs/Trusts etc.
- To extend the digital financial infrastructure to tribal areas under the CSR activities of the Bank by adopting particular tribes in a given area.
- The internal audit should assess the qualitative efficacy of the Social Goals of the Banks and Financial Inclusion to be part of it. This should be one of the quarterly agenda item for the Audit Committee/Board of the Bank.
- Strengthening the Internal Grievances Redressal Mechanism of financial service by having dedicative user interface (Toll-Free Helpline) in the local /tribal languages.
- Encourage decentralized approach to planning and development by creating a forum to actively involve Gram Panchayats/ Civil Society/ NGOs to accelerate financial inclusion using various tools like social audit.

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