

Further, **Awareness was given to parents** in 18 villages & cluster level parents meet held in 61 areas on community leadership, awareness on govt. Schemes, legal and social issues.

**Community development programmes** included children's club activities, updating community libraries, career guidance & Self Help Groups activities. Free medical health camps were held in two villages. Awareness on personality development and stress management was held for college students.

**To promote Women Empowerment, Self Help Groups activities** – for our 35 SHG's groups with 459 members included regular meetings to enhance their level of participation and creativity in implementation of responsibilities. Motivational talks on self employment, communication & leadership skills to office bearers, training on making door mats & health awareness were held. A new SHG group has been formed.

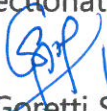
With an aim to empower young widows, **Widow Association** has been formed with 39 members. An orientation programme was held for these widows to assess their problems and plan related activities. Similarly, regular **Staff and Village Animator Trainings** were carried out to update their knowledge.

This academic year, the Centre has also started the **BSS Community College which provides alternative system of education and life skills to young rural school dropout girls**. In association with St Ignatius Hospital the beneficiary girls are trained in courses such as Diploma in Operation Theatre Technology, Practical Nursing, Diploma in First Aid & Practical Nursing, Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology, Pharmacy Assistant & X-Ray Technician. We have 43 students for the first batch, who are all happy with the opportunities provided to them.

As a part of our **Community Health outreach programme**, we have started a **new clinic** in Manki with an aim to bring health care to 12 surrounding rural villages that are devoid of basic health care facilities.

Thanks to your kind efforts, we can keep the spirit of Christmas alive all through the year. Thank you! **Wishing you & your loved ones a meaningful Christmas & a healthy, fulfilling New Year 2015!**

Yours affectionately,



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