



SAMABHAVANA SOCIETY

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SECOND ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1st April 2001 -31st March 2002

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ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Members,

The managing committee of your society is pleased to present its Report along with the statement of accounts on the working of the society for the year ended 31st march 2002.

8 meetings of the managing committee were held during the year where at different inputs were provided.

Programme:

Samabhavana Society held a Special AGM on 15th May 2001 for removal of:

- 1) Mr. G. K. Sawant - President
- 2) Mr. Ashok Row Kavi - Member
- 3) Ms. Seema Shroff - Member

For their anti organisational activities being carried by them owing to rivalry and their spreading of malicious false rumours; So it was considered necessary in the interest of the society to remove such members as soon as possible and same was notified to Charity Commissioners office by due official procedure.

The following members were also replaced

- 1) Ms. Harshali Pathak - Resigned
- 2) Ms. Suman Mishra – Absentia

This year's second half was quite an eventful year full of various activities and the organization surged ahead with various programmes and projects.

Secretary Mr.Jasmir Thakur was invited by The World Interpride organization and sponsored by the New Zealand Government to give a presentation on "LGBT issues in India" in the presence of the New Zealand Prime Minister Rt.Hon.Helen Clarke on October 4th 2001 in Auckland, New Zealand after that on 13 and 14th October 2001 they where invited to be the chief guest and guest of Honour along with the President Mr.Dattu shenoy by Laakshya- Gujarat an MSM agency for kick starting there project which was supported by Samabhavana society by giving condom key chains and condom caps for social marketing of condoms their after on November 3rd 2001 he was invited by Maharashtra State AIDS Control Society to Poona for discussion of home based care and Respite care center.

Samabhavana society on November 10th 2001 held at Byculla- Mumbai The dissemination seminar of the K.A.B.P. study conducted on "Male Sex Workers and Masseurs in Mumbai Metro" first of its kind were President Mr. Dattu Shenoy addressed the dignitaries on and off the dais along with where the respondents where present in large number and thereafter the top line finding dissemination was conducted by the secretary Jasmir Thakur the speakers Dr.Hema Jerajani-H.O.D.-skin and Dermatology Dept (OPD-16)-Sion Hospital spoke about STI & HIV, Dr.Rajiv Jerajani-Director-Kripa Foundation, lectured on Issues of substance abuse Mrs.Arundhati Char-I.E.C.Chief-dktIndia Ltd-social marketing agency spoke regarding the benefits of persistent and correct condom use and Bilquees sheikh-clinical psychologist and board member made a presentation on psychological issues

of violence and abuse the data entry and analysis of the study was done by its Treasurer Mr.Sanjay Singh and the Vice president Sharmila Honaver conveyed vote of thanks to the respondents, invites like Dr.Kulkarni-MSACS and many other dignitaries,

On 1st December The World AIDS Day Samabhavana society along with two other CBO`s Udaan+ and Arawanis social welfare trust distributed red ribbons with pamphlets and condoms to around 50,000 people in Mumbai and Maharashtra at various railway stations in Mumbai and Bus stands in Maharashtra from 25th November to 1st December 2001

This year the society co-organized on December 7th 2002 a human rights conference on 172nd Law Commission of India report with various Child, Women and Sexual minorities groups such as ICHRL, Forum for oppression against women, Stree sangam, Bailancho Saad, FACSE, IWID, Majlis, Olava, Saathi, Special Cell for Women and Children (TISS), Udaan+, Vacha and YWCA, shortly there after in Poona on 7th January 2002 a follow up meeting was conducted along with Olava, Stree sangam, Udaan+, Sangama, PRISM, Saathi, Swam, Arawanis Social welfare trust, Laakshya, and 26 such organizations from all over India where invited to be a part of two day meeting on future planning and strategizing of events for sexual minority groups.

This year Samabhavana society did extensive linkages with International and National Agencies like UNAIDS, UNDP, FHI, Pop council, HIV Alliance ,Save the Children-UK, AUSAID HLL, NACO, Female condom company, who supported us with Female condoms and dental dams which where distributed to lesbian & bisexual women, Hijras (in commercial sex work) and Male sex workers.

The linkages were done to introduce our projects on web initiative project www.indiaaids.org - a India specific HIV/AIDS portal, its condom pack - *adaa The Pleasure Pack*- a very unique concept in condom marketing in which two condoms, one flavoured along with a solidified jelly and extra flavoured lubricant and the executive summary of the KABP study of Male Sex workers and Masseurs was presented to INGO`s, National and State agencies, besides that it also networked with various state agencies like TRU – APSACS – Andhra Pradesh did a 10 day capacity building workshop for MSM and transgender CBOs and the secretary Mr.Jasmir Thakur was appointed as a Mentor and Trainer by TRU-APSACS for Andhra Pradesh state

Apart from this we internationally networked with Human Rights Watch- New York-U.S.A on GLBT and MSW issues and, collaborating with World Inter Pride organization, Auckland Pride and Sydney Mardi Gras on awareness of Indian sexual minorities issues and managed to get Indian gateway via its site www.samabhavana.org for Gay Games 2002 –Sydney-Australia for registration and delegation from India

We also started a very unique programme of Job placement to HIV+ persons from Salvation Army and alternate vocation to Male Sex workers and formed a coalition of Gay/Bisexual-MSM- Samabhavana, Kothi- udaan+ and Hijra organisation Arawanis social welfare trust called *Triveni Sangam* for condom distribution and technical support from us in Mumbai and Maharashtra

Through out the year we have been doing intervention with the support of volunteers by distributing condoms and assisting the respondents to access health care facility as and when required.

Like the last year the entire programmes of the organization were carried through core funding from its member

We also got financial support at the end of the year from UNAIDS for web initiative project www.indiaids.org

Appreciation:

The organization would like to Thank Dr Hema Jerajani, Dr.Rajiv Jerajani, , Mr.Andy Piller and Mrs Arundhati char, Hutoxi Batliwala, Sandra, Madhav and other staff members of dkt INDIA for there continuous support.

We also are very grateful for the valuable guidance and support given to us by Mr. David Miller, Mr.K. Pradeep, Helen Dsouza, Anjali Aneja and Mr.Anand Tiwari-UNAIDS, Jyothi Raja- ex TRU-APSACS presently with UNAIDS, Mr. Brahma Prakash and Mr.Kashinath –TRU, Marcel Goulding –NZIS and Angela Mann from Auckland Pride

Last but not the least we also place on record. Our sincere thanks to our President Mr.D.K.Shenoy for his immense support during the troubled times without whose guidance we could have been a lost ship in troubled waters, Mr.Sanjay Singh-Treasurer for spending his valuable time in creating a website for the society and also the entire Managing committee for its never ending encouragement and dedicated support through the year.

Thanking You,

Sincerely Yours,

For Samabhavana Society
Sd/-
Jasmir Thakur
Secretary & E.O

Mumbai
Dated: 23/06/2002