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2022 President's Report:

It has been six years now that Jagannath has passed away; MSSO has been active thanks to our donors in supporting various organizations in India.

In 2022 we remitted about 500K\$ for various projects. Below are two reports that give details of visit to projects by me and Siddhi.

Visit to AVANI

We visited AVANI Sanstha in Kolhapur on December 11, 2022. We were guided by Sattappa Mohite who came and directed us through traffic in Kolhapur and we arrived at AVANI girls' residence in village Hanbarwadi.

We met Monali and Scott as we entered the very beautiful, designed complex by Scott. Scott Kofor has been volunteering at AVANI for almost 15 years now.

We were given a very traditional welcome, all the girls were asked to introduce themselves and state their age and what grade they are studying. Most of these have been through traumatic abuse prior to their rescue by AVANI.

After that they also sang a brief welcome song. I asked if any of them had any questions for me, after a brief silence I did get questions as to when I went to Canada and what I did for work.

We had briefing by Scott and he also presented videos about AVANI's work. He will be providing MSSO with link to his you tube channel so we can download them have them available on website.

We then visited a day care centre at a brick layers complex. Here also we got Tradition Maharashtraian

Welcome and we were shown their attendance records ETC. All people looking after programs seemed to be very professional.

We then visited kitchen where food is prepared and then distributed at various sites (PoustiC Ahar).

We then went to a complex where sugar cane workers live, and work and AVANI has day care the food had arrived here and hot rice and dal was served to about 20 children. They serve 4-5 complexes with food.

We stopped on our way back to have a light snack for everyone, at this we were joined by Amar Kamble who was to help us with visit to the famous Mahalaxmi temple in Kolhapur.

We returned to Hanbarwadi complex where we were provided with excellent accommodation for the night and food.

Overall, I was very impressed with how AVANI is being run.

Jnanprabodhini Harali:

Visited Jnanprabodhi in Harali (a very small village) ; met with Mr. Abhijit Kapre who showed us around the Harali Campus . MSSO had provided major funding for a building project in 2008-9 in which they accommodate a agriculture diploma institute. Harali also has school from grade 1 to grade 10. Around 300-400 students attend. Residence and food is also available for some students both male/female.

Overall, the organization seemed to be very dedicated and run efficiently. In the past few years Harali did receive funding via MSSO donated by Kargutkar family.

Visit with HOH Kolhapur: (Helpers of The Handicapped)

Met briefly with Mr. Deshbhratar as Mr. Pramod Deshpande was away to Satara. We had a very nice meeting. Vicky Chand one of our donors from Edmonton who makes monthly donation for HOH vis MSSO had actually visited HOH and sponsor 2-3 girls each year.

Visit at SAA: Schizophrenia Awareness Association) Pune.

As always was very warmly received by Bakshy Kaka; had a good look at new 13 passenger bus that was just purchased with funds remitted by MSSO. Donated By Raju Wani.

Visited with my brother-in-Law and his wife from Akola.

The old bus is for sale and may fetch couple of Lacks.

Bakshykaka was also being visited by Mr. Subhash Arora from Toronto.

Visit with Jnanprobodhini Pune:

Had a very nice and cordial visit with Subhashrao Deshpande and we discussed Mr. Datta Saigaonkar scholarships. Subhashrao indicated that the corpus funds have been invested in Bank of Broda Bonds that will yield about 8 ½ % interest.

He also indicated that good progress has taken place on a school that is being built in Velhe (Funds were donated by Dr. Subhash Lele) last year. Met with Dr Girish Bapat who heads JPN. I also met Girish in Harli as he was visiting Harali when I visited Harali.

E sakal Foundation (India Foundation):

I called the e sakal foundation office and spoke with Mr Deepak Pandey and set up a meeting for next day. No time was set but he had agreed to meet in the afternoon of 14th. when I called on 14th again, I spoke with Gayatree (Handles Sudha Gurjer scholarship fund). I indicated to her Mr. Suresh Gurjar's wish that he would like them to use even part of the capital also and use the funds in the next few years and exhaust them. Gayatree was not too keen on the suggestion, but she has agreed to provide us their views on the suggestion.

There really was no other business so we decided not to meet.

Snehalaya Ahmednagar:

Dr. Wani along with Arif Ratnani (one of our donors) had visited Snehalaya in the past. I called Mr. Anil Gawade who was very considerate when I mentioned that I was on my way to Sambhajinagar (formerly Aurangabad) and could I visit Snehalaya. He immediately invited me to come and said it was great occasion to visit as on 15th of December each year they have multiple weddings celebrated and they were having weddings of five couples and we were most welcome. We were again received with great welcome and given time to speak at the wedding function. We presented each couple INR 1,000.00 as wedding gift. Lots of photos were taken and we were treated to the wedding meal before we left Snehalaya.

MSSO president visit to Yeola and Dhule January 21-25, 2023.

On January 21st I along with my wife left Mumbai at 6 Am for Yeola. We reached Samta Pratishtan around noon We were received by Salil Kokate and others at the "Maiboli". Maiboli is the residential school for children with hearing and speech disability.

We looked around the school and visited the cow shed where 7 cows were resting. 3 of them were providing milk according to the person looking after the cows. Cows looked very healthy.

We had lunch at Kokate home and we came back to school after Lunch.

A short program followed in Shree Jagannath Wani Hall.

We left for Dhule around 4 PM; reached Dhule around 8 PM as there was a huge traffic jam just 10 KM from Dhule and we were stuck for almost 1 ½ hours to crawl 1 km.

We visited Tushar Samudre's residence as he did not answer our phone call. We found the family was busy packing food packets that they are distributing on each Sunday to needy and poor people. This effort is funded through Ramesh Aggarwal's donations.

Later he was to call us, and we had agreed to visit some actual recipients but some how it did not happen, but we did meet Tushar and his father again in the area they distribute food pockets.

We met with Trustees of K. S. Wani Memorial trust and discussed various aspects of MSSO and KSWMT issues.

We also discussed the mobile Planetarium project that is being considered as Dr. Wani had indicated serious interest in an educational Mobile or a planetarium.

This project will be evaluated by KSWMT and then they will approach MSSO for funding if they are satisfied that we should proceed further.

WE also visited a small village where our Bal Netra Suraska Prkalp team had gone and spent the day checking vision of children ranging from kindergarten to high school.

We were received quite well by the school authorities.

During our stay we also visited the Chandrakant Kele dialysis centre and had a brief visit with Vishal Kele.

Visited with Suryakant Kele (Jagannath's brother) as he was quite sick. He is Vaishali's father.

We participated in distribution of clothes and snacks at **Sanskar Matimand School, Dhule (school for mentally Challenged girls)** residential school for girls. Vaishali and her team had gathered clothes and purchased cookies for these girls.

We also met with Mr. Ajay Chandak (an IIT graduate and local businessperson) who has delivered lecture's at Reu Wani Vidyan vihar. Chandak family has a 45-acre farmhouse/ picnic area about 7 KM from Dhule which has boating facility also.

We were treated at the farmhouse by Ajay.

We stayed at the apartment built for Dr. Wani within the KSWMT building.

A report by Vaishali regarding BalNetra Surska's visit at Anchade is also attached.

All societies report is up to date.

AGM is scheduled in September this year.

I thank all the donors, and my directors (both in Calgary and Toronto) for helping me keep society's work very active.

Jivan Kayande