India is the home to 23.5% of world’s blind population. There are 285 million visually impaired and 15 million blind people here. 62% blind Indians are suffering from cataract only; with addition of 3 million new cases every year. In Jharkhand, the prevalence rate of blindness is 1.40% against national average of 0.8%. There is a large gap between the availability of eye care services and the need for such services in the state where 40% of the population is living below poverty line and 76% live in rural areas. In response, NBJK has started Loknayak Jaiprakash Eye Hospital in October 2005 at Bahera village (block-Chourapan, district-Hazaribag) where the organization was carved during early seventies under guidance of a mass leader like JP. Sightsavers, Kolkata was able to support this initiative and a long awaited dream was fulfilled to serve people more intensely. In April 2008, second unit of LNJPEH was initiated at Dumka in Santhali Pargana region of the state with support of CBM, Bangalore.

LNJPEH is a modern and well equipped, 120 bedded (100-Chourapan, 20-Dumka) hospital to afford quality eye care service at low cost. This is the only eye hospital in Jharkhand providing free or subsidized service to patients, mostly from rural areas. It has a good team of ophthalmologists and trained medical staffs. The hospital offers a wide range of eye care service which includes diagnosis and treatment at OPD, cataract surgery, correction of refraction error, treatment of DCR-DCT, pterygium, squint, child surgery, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, medical retinectomy, cauterization treatment. Also it provides computerized eye testing at nominal charge, organizes school screening camps and makes available spectacles at subsidized rate. It covers around 2 million people of districts like Hazaribag, Kodema, Chatra, Giridih, Bokaro, Dhanbad, Ramgarh, Gaya, Auranagabad, Nawada and Nalanda in Jharkhand/Bihar. During 2013-14, LNJPEH has served 46,000 plus poor patients at OPD and ensured surgery for more than 9000 cataract patients. Within a short span of time from inception, it has catered 2,36,510 eye patients and restored eye sight among 47,431 cataract patients with successful surgical treatment. More than 60% of cataract patients have received subsidized facilities. Support from Sightsavers, Second Sight, CBM, WDF, GivelIndia, DVC, NTPC, SBI, BOI, IDBI, Global Giving, NNNVMA and many individual donors has made this possible.

Very often, blind people become a different community and live awfully despite the fact that 80% of blindness is preventable or curable. With appropriate treatment, an immense difference can be made to both to the quality of life and economic prospects for visually impaired people. This is where LNJPEH plays an important role and realizes the integrated approach of development by NBJK.
Lok Samiti Voices for Weaker Section

Manigachhie block unit of Darbhanga Zila Lok Samiti (Bihar) has submitted a memorandum to the Block Development Officer on behalf of landless communities like Musahar and Kanjar in the area. These people are still living in temporary houses without any stable livelihood. Mr. Vishwanath Mishra (President, District Lok Samiti) has said that 42 Musahar families living at the hamlet namely Fulwa Musahar under Katma Bahusurba panchayat of the block have no actual possession over the land they are distributed by the government years ago with all necessary formalities. Likewise 59 Kanjar families settled in Chanaur panchayat could not get land acquisition papers and forced to live in incomplete dilapidated Indira Awas, he added. Mr. Mishra has questioned about “Panchayat” scheme by the state government to identify people through living occupation of beggary and to improve their lives through skill development training as not even a single person in the block could be benefitted out of that. On 25 November, members of Lok Samiti and sufferer families have convened a meeting to draw attention over such crisis. Also they have raised issues like encroachment of Govt. land, child labour, school education, mushrooming liquor outlets, public amenities and regular flood that hampers everything in season. The concerned memorandum was sent to higher officials and the governor also.

Towards Food Self-reliance and Earnings

NBJK-Khunt has promoted SHG office bearers to sustainable agriculture with support of Axis Bank Foundation, Mumbai. This picked 75 leading members of 15 SHGs in 10 villages and provides them a comprehensive, regular training on agriculture from December’14. The objective is to train all groups uniformly with help of their members who are getting on farm training including water management, irrigation and pest control also. In another initiative of Ensuring Food Security & Livelihood with support of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Mumbai, 22 households of Ulidin village under Barudh panchayat are facilitated to develop an upland patch of 7 acres for watermelon farming. They checked water from a local watercourse flowing near the experimental land to grow this unusual crop for villages of Khunti. Recently, the same target group has shown their performance in community tomato farming with a cumulative net profit of Rs. 2 lacs 36 thousand. This experience has motivated the group to switch over to a new range of agro product that was never produced here commercially. These farmers have received pump sets and other relevant inputs for watermelon farming. These are the new trends followed by tribal farmers for resource making and sustainable livelihood they need for self-reliance.

CCCD Churchu Activities

A number of activities was held under Plan India supported Child Centered Community Development (CCCD) program in Churchu block (Hazarag) within this quarter. On 16 October, a training and demonstration on improved upland farming was conducted for 36 farmers. They enlisted suitable crops and have been provided technical inputs for the purpose. 58 farmers have received gram, mustard, pea, chilly seeds also. A football tournament was organized for boys and girls separately. This was participated by 22 boy and 15 girl teams during 15-18 October. On 14 November, Children’s Day was celebrated by 1250 children at 20 schools and with Nagri village based Bhir children. Also 99 thousand shoes have been distributed among school children of 7 blocks between Oct-Dec. In this period, 10 health camps in target villages have benefited 610 patients mostly women, children, elders and adolescents through check ups and medicines. A baby show was organized to promote small child-mother health care and 50 mothers with their children have made this event successful. Dr. Kamlesh Kumar discussed to mothers upon nourishment, immunization, food pattern and breast feeding. On 19 December, training for adolescent girls on sexual & reproductive health and life skills was held and 52 participants have joined this knowledge sharing exercise. They were given important information on psychosomatic development, menstrual cycle and hygienic practices through the training.

कमजोर वर्ग के समर्थन में लोक समिति

दस्तांगी जिला (बिहार) लोक समिति मार्गदर्शक को भुगतानीय समुदाय के समस्याओं पर एक ज्ञानी सीमा। प्रशंसा में पुरुष-क़ाशी मान के लोगों हेतु आवास तथा आमधुली के लोगों की समस्या के लिए जीवनशैली भिक्षा का एक नया विकासी मिश्रण दिखाया गेहूँ से बनाया गया है। कर्मियों की आय के लिए उन्नति के लिए आलोचनात्मक बांटन नियमों के अनुसार खेलों की समस्या का उल्लेख किया गया राज्य सरकार के “विश्वास” योजना पर सराहना दी। इसके अलावा इसके लिए एक वैकल्पिक कार्य कर दूसरे समुदाय की समस्या का उल्लेख किया गया। इसलिए राज्य सरकार के “विश्वास” योजना पर सराहना दी। इसके अलावा इसके लिए एक वैकल्पिक कार्य कर दूसरे समुदाय की समस्या का उल्लेख किया गया।

खाद्य आपूर्ति और आयकर्मी की ओर

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Bihar State Lok Samiti Convention
Bihar State Lok Samiti has organized its convention on 17 November at IMA Hall, Patna. Mr. Girija Satish (President, National Lok Samiti) was the chief guest of this program. He has termed existing development system as ineffective one and called to focus upon individual who can get all needed facilities to grow with support of the system and shoulders accountability at the same time. Mr. Girija was suspicious about the objective and outcomes of the welfare schemes like Mid-day meal, Aanganwadi center, highly subsidized ration etc. in their present format and advocated for cash transfers. Decentralized governance, justice delivery and development through empowered PRIs & urban bodies will add to our democracy if we get rid of corrupt practices in election, he pointed out. Mr. Girija Satish was for launching a mandatory citizen insurance scheme by the government to meet people’s emergency needs. He urged to save youngsters from drug/liquor addiction and to involve them with useful technical training after class 10 to follow “Earn and learn.” The convention was chaired by Mr. Vijay Kumar (President, Bihar State LS) who expressed his concern over youths as the hope for India. Mr. K G Azad (Coordinator, National LS) has briefed about non-political and constructive approach of LS to counter social evils, fanaticism and centralized policies while Mr. Shivji Singh (General Secretary, Bihar LS) has outlined the resolutions on right to PRIs, judicial reform, farmers’ income, land/house to landless and communal harmony later passed unanimously. Mrs. Kranji Rashosh, Prof. Somnath Tripathi, Mr. Vidyabhushan Singh, Md. Nizamuddin and many other dignitaries have addressed the audience.

Events at LBHC Bodhgaya
Lord Buddha Home for Children has witnessed many colorful events during this quarter of the year. On 3rd October i.e. Durga Puja, all 69 children have enjoyed local exposure visit with sweets-snacks and toys. Happy Birthday of Mrs. Iine Buma (Patron, LBHC) was celebrated on 16th October with full fun and joy by the children on 16th October while they rejoiced Diwali on 23rd October. On 14th November, LBHC children have performed a variety of staging on occasion of Children’s Day and an awareness campaign by RTC trainees took place on 1st December as AIDS day. On 27th December, LBHC run Rozgar Training Center has organized a farewell-cum- welcome ceremony for outgoing 10th batch and newly enrolled 11th batch students in the premises. The program was graced with presence of Mr. Nasim Ahmad Khan (President, Lions Club-Bodhgaya), Mr. Satchidananda (Senior Lawyer) and Dr. Abhishek Mrinal. They have distributed certificates of merit among outgoing trainees and hailed new entrants. RTC provides 3 months vocational training on computer (BCA, Tally & DTP), mobile repairing, sewing, hospitality and beautician to youths from about 20 nearby villages. The medical center has provided treatment to 333 general patients, 134 dental patients and pathological check up for 52 ailing persons within the periods.

Care for Carers
If someone cares for elders, mentally or physically challenged family member, sees appreciation definitely but this is not enough. We rarely think upon the problems of such caring people and this indifference may deteriorate the quality of service, one pays to such people in difficult situation, pointed out Dr. Anil Patil (Founder & Executive Director, Carers Worldwide, UK) during a meeting with NBJK project team at Ranchi on 5-6 November. He said that by ignoring these silent carers, we cause drastic consequences like sickness of caretakers, disturbed family dynamics and ultimately a negative milieu that affects the very objective of our work. Dr. Patil has offered support to those who take care of their dependent family members and appealed for

Bihar Pradesh Lok Samiti Convention
पटना के आईएमआई कार्यालय (गृही मैनेजर) में 17 नवंबर को बिहार प्रदेश लोक समिति का राज्य समिति का आयोजित हुआ। बाहरी मूल अतिथियों के समावेश करने के लिए श्री मिर्जा सीता (अध्यक्ष, राज्य लोक समिति) ने बताया किसानों को आगरों को बाहर ले जाने के लिए ऐसी कार्रवाई करनी चाहिए। मुख्यमन्त्री के बयान को लेकर कोई भी प्रदेश की सरकार ने अपने आग्रह में नहीं किया था। इतने महत्वपूर्ण मामलों और मुद्दों पर देश भर में लोगों को नए आबाद करना होगा। बिहार अध्यक्ष श्री मिर्जा सीता का बयान के अनुसार, इन टिप्पणियों को सरकारों के इलाज की आवश्यकता है।

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advocacy to promote these people with linking them with IGAs, facilities, training, rights and social dignity. They should be treated like a separate right group and deserve improved lives, he said to team members. Mr. Rajeev Singh (Project Manager) has informed that within next 3 years, NBKJ will identify and organize 500 such carers in Hazaribag district those take care for their old aged, disabled or mentally ill parents or family members. They would be provided all possible support according to resources and this would be an issue for our advocacy campaign, he added. Other team members like Md. Nayeen, Sujit Mishra, Kamalakant Pandey, Vinla Rana and Pratima Devi were present in the meeting.

Inaugural Ceremony of Sustainable Livelihood Program
Mr. C. Babu Joseph (Trustee & CEO, ABF) has inaugurated Sustainable Livelihood Program of skill development among youths by NBKJ with support of Axis Bank Foundation, Mumbai. He has called Jharkhand as an important state for the foundation and embraced NBKJ as a reliable partner. Mr. Joseph has appreciated the next program of sustainable livelihood for youths to enable them with different vocational skills and said that ABF runs such programs with 1% income of Axis Bank and staff donation to make changes in lives of more than 1 million people every year. He expressed concern over human values and life skills also. Mr. Jaison Jacob (Asst. Vice President, ABF) has offered best wishes and all possible support. On this occasion, Mr. Satish Girja (Secretary, NBKJ) has welcomed all guests and briefed them about the program. There are training centers at Hazaribag, Ranchi, jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Dumka, Deoghar, Kodemra, Khunti and Ramgarh with 3 months practical training facilities on computer software/hardware, cell phone servicing, bedside patient attendant, beautician, driving, agriculture, electrician, call centre, tailoring etc. for each batch. He shared the plan to prepare 500 skilled youths per year with 70% placement target. Mr. Rajesh Jha (Head, Axis Bank-Patriceela) has valued the program for humanitarian approach. Other dignitaries like Mr. G. Venkateshwar Rao (Asst. GM, SB), Mr. Rajesh Singh (Chief Manager, LIC), Mr. Akhilsh Jha (Manager, axis Bank-Hazaribag), Dr. (Mrs.) Vandana, Dr. Hiraiyal Saha, Mr. Ajay Jain and Mr. Girja Satish (President, NBKJ) have blessed the event held on 29 November at Hazaribag.

CASE STUDY

Mrs. Paku Kisku (75), wife of late Churka Baksi, lives in village-Jaipur, Raja Simafya under Jarmundi block of Dumka district. She is an elderly poor widow lady suffering from cataract for several years and became dependent upon others due to reduced eyesight. One day in the last week of January, his son was informed about eye screening camp in the village school where one can avail checkup facility free of cost. He persuaded his old aged mother to attend the camp as she was unable to see properly but seemed reluctant to bother others for herself. After check up, it was diagnosed that Paku Kisku has developed cataract in both of her eyes and she is in dire need of the surgery to remove the problem. She was counselled for that and was invited to Lunkayak Jaipracash Eye Hospital (LNPBHE), Dumka for her operation. On 29 January, her cataract surgery took place successfully. She was given spectacle and medicines with no charge as a sponsored patient. Within the stipulated time frame, Paku Kisku was recovered with improved eyesight and can see comfortably. This is a lifetime event that enabled her to observe the things or people around her more vividly. Also this made her active, watchful and with self respect to lead a graceful life as a senior citizen. She blesses the doctor and hospital staff repeatedly.

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