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Foreword: - The year 2004-2005 has been an important year for the organization to set new goals for sustainable development initiative in its distant geographical area and extended community partners. We have immense pleasure in presenting our 14th annual report with our work on the following core activities: -

*A) Natural Resource Management B) Institutional development
C) Small and micro-enterprises development D) Science & Technology application for livelihood support E) Energy and Environment F) Women and Child development.*

A Natural Resource Management: - Natural resource management is the key activity of Shri Jagdamba Samiti which has reflected through our approach of implementation of water and sanitation related project, the agriculture based activities and integrated watershed development.

Program Vision: - We work towards planning, implementation and management of resources available with the communities for their sustainable use.

Progress during the year: - This year the organization has implemented two agriculture based projects in 18 villages of Bhilangana Valley of Tehri Garhwal district and developed an integrated NRM plan for 61 villages.

Details of these projects are as follows: -

1) Organic farming of vegetables: - This project is supported by Canadian High Commission New Delhi for providing income

support to 300 families of 15 villages of Bhilangana Valley district Tehri Garhwal where 30 self-help groups of women were formed by the organization and provided with trainings to the beneficiaries with an initial support for common facility center at G.B Pant university of agriculture and Uttaranchal. State organic and seed production certification agency facilitated the trainings. Department of horticulture agreed to support these groups for further facilitation in area expansion and marketing.

2) Off-Seasonal Vegetable Cultivation: - This project is supported by World Food Program for 45 families in 3 villages living below poverty line. Polly houses, water harvesting tanks and field demonstration have been provided to the groups of women under the project. The beneficiaries learn about the practices of vegetable production round the year for regular income generation.

3) Integrated NRM plan: - Organization has developed a concept of integrated NRM plan for the villages with the help of panchayat, self-help groups and other community based organization. Through this plan the land management, water conservation and sustainable environment management practices are explored and all the plans are expected to finalize during next year.

(B) Institutional Development: - Shri Jagdamba Samiti strongly believes to work with the community-based organization. A strong network of self-help groups, village level water management committees, NRM community groups and federations of users and beneficiaries has been established by SJS.

So far organization has formed 382 self-help groups 27 water management committees, 61 NRM committees and 3 federations in its working areas.

(C) Small and micro enterprises development: - The organization has started the micro-enterprises development and micro finance activities through its SHG partner in all the program villages during this year.

The following projects have been implemented and started under this program: -

1) Integrated Handloom production center: - This project was supported by the development commissioner handloom ministry of textile Govt. of India, through which 20 weavers have been trained at the village Bhigun (Tehri Garhwal). Here the production center for woolen items was established during the year.

2) Processing and marketing of agro products:- During this year the organization has also established a common facility center for collection, grading and marketing of agricultural and horticultural products.

3) Organic farming and bio-fertilizer based units:- The organization began to establish the bio-fertilizer and organic products processing based micro enterprise and rural industries with the help of state office of Khadi and Village industries commission. So far 5 units has been identified.

4) Nursery of vegetables: -This micro enterprise has started with five groups this year which is appreciated by the farmers as they got the quality planting material from these nurseries.

(D) Science & Technology application for livelihood support: - The organization has implemented rural technology based project for providing livelihood support to the beneficiaries. These programs focus on improving the lives of poor and protect the environment through sustainable usage of resources. This year the following projects have been implemented under this program:

1- Seed production and conservation of native variety of seeds: - Under this program the organization has introduced quality seed production technology in various villages of Bhilangana Valley with special focus on conservation of native seeds of various millets, grains pluses and vegetable. The program is now supported by the department of science and technology Govt. of India.

2- Bio-fertilizer technology:- The organization has provided training cum demonstration of various bio-composting technologies in 18 villages of Bhilangana Valley. This technologies basic components were biodynamic compost, cow pat pit (CPP), effective microorganism and Vermi –compost.

3- Off-seasonal vegetable production in Polly house: - This project has been implemented with the financial assistance from world food program and Canadian High commission through which off-seasonal vegetable production technology was disseminated among the self-help groups.

4- Mushroom production: - Training on mushroom production technology has been imparted at Ghansali where 10 NGO partners participated to educate about the technology in their respective areas.

5- Fruit processing and post harvest management: - Under this project the organization demonstrated the Zero energy cool storage for collection of vegetables and fruits. They also provided training of fruit processing to the various group members.

E- Energy and Environment: - The organization has conducted a survey study with the energy and resource institute about the impact of indoors smoke pollution on the people. The study aimed to provide smokeless stove to the rural households.

A plan on wasteland development and water conservation has been developed with 31 panchayats for providing employment support to poor through resource generation at village level.

F- Women & Child development: - The organization has started entrepreneurship development program for women to raise the income level of every family to fulfill their needs of food, energy, health and education. As the program has started this year the possible cooperation from different sources like banks, department of industries of women and child development are being explored to develop the proposal.

Human resources development & capacity building: This year the members and staff of Shri Jagdamba Samiti have attended the following training programs:-

- 1- Participated in the training program on “ Planning and design of project proposals” organized by NIPCCD New Delhi.
- 2- Participated in the training on fisheries development organized by the Department of science and technology Govt.of India at CIFA Orisa.
- 3- Attended the Capacity building for voluntary organization organized by CAPART at New Delhi.
- 4-Was a part of the project development management for NGO organized by NIRD At Nainital.
- 5- Participated in the training of trainers for Panchayati Raj Institutions organized by HARC at Dehradun.

Following training and capacity building programe has been organized at village level: -

- 1- Organization development program for 20 self-help groups at Ghuttu Tehri Garhwal in May 2004.
- 2- Bio-fertilizer training in 18 villages through a demonstrative approach.
- 3- Organized trainings in 18 villages on nursery developments.
- 4- Organized post-harvest management training in 20 villages.
- 5- Training of Panchayat representatives in 24 PRIs.

6- Training on water conservation and land development planning in 61 villages.

7- Trained 20 weavers on weaving technology.

8- Training in marketing management of agriculture produces and products.

9- Training on household economy planning and its management.

This year organization has developed following projects for future: -

- 1- Organic farming for rural development with the help of Agriculture and Organic Farming Group (AOFG) New Delhi. They have proposed to execute this project with 10 NGO partners.
- 2- A proposal on environment conservation and energy management through utilisation of community wasteland has been developed for 61 villages with 31 village panchayats.
- 3- Group formation for promotion of micro finance and livelihood support, for this small and micro enterprises have been prepared.
- 4- A program for common facility center and cluster development has been developed.

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- (1) Canadian high commission New Delhi.
- (2) World food programe state office Dehradun.

- (3) National Afforestation and eco-development board ministry of environment & forest Govt. of India.
- (4) Agriculture and organic farming group India New Delhi.
- (5) G.B.Pant university of agriculture (Hill campus).
- (6) Uttranchal state organic & seed certification agency Dehradun.
- (7) The Energy and resource Institute New Delhi.
- (8) Himalayan Environment Studies and Conservation Organization (HESCO).
- (9) Action for Food Production (AFPRO).

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