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Foreword

It gives us immense pleasure to present the seventeenth annual report of Shri Jagdamba Samiti (A Non Govt. Development Organization) commenced with a modest start from Bhilangana Valley of the Himalayas, Tehri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand in 1991 and presently working in Six district i.e. Dehradun, Tehri, Uttarkashi, Pauri Garhwal, Haridwar and Rudraprayag of Uttarakhand state with the mission *“to bring prosperity to all, through sustainable development process, by involving the community in planning, implementation and management of the locally available resources as per needs and opportunity”*.

On its mission of *“Integrated approach for Creating rural farm sector a profitable enterprises through resources planning, technology promotion, financial management and marketing support to groups of farmers and capacity building of people for organization and institutional development”* Shri Jagdamba samiti has strategically expanded its areas as well as ideas of operation and achieved its objectives of providing better services to the rural communities.

The year has been vibrant in terms of expansion of activities, enhancing the partner-community base, linkages with the technical and financial institutions, placement of the mechanism and promotion of the concepts, establishing the core intervention methodology as “End to End approach based farm enterprises development and capacity building of Rural organization /Institutions”.

This was an important year for us to achieve new goals of development and to set some targets for future with our partners. Our work was concentrated around four mission mode of the core activities of resources planning, organization building and institution development, technologies intervention and economic development through better management. Our team achieved a great success through the projects supported by the Donors and Govt. agencies we have accomplished the targets set for the year.

On Behalf of the Executive committee , I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Funding and partner agencies especially Agriculture and Organic farming group (AOFG) India, Action for Food Production (AFPRO), Uttarakhand State council for Science & technology (U-COST), National Bank for agriculture and Rural development (NABARD), Department of Science & Technology, (DST, SSD) Govt. of India and National center for organic Farming (NCOF) Govt. of India who have made a considerable contribution and support the activities of the organization.

Last but not the least I would like to congratulate the community partners, organization staff, executive members and all our associates with whose hard work and dedication made the mission of the organization into a reality.

Progress through project intervention this year:

Organization has organised the farmer producer companies in Uttarkashi district for collection, grading and value addition of apples produced for the livelihood improvements. 534 families on the whole have benefited through the project.

Other Activities

Organic farming:

This year the organization continued organic vegetable seed production technology involving five groups of five villages in Bhilangana valley with special focus on conservation of native seeds of millets, grains, pluses and vegetables.

To improve organic agricultural practices we have started National center for organic farming service providers scheme and successfully implemented this with 1515 farmers of 22 villages.

Finance facilitation:

This year we have received support of RMK and ICICI Bank Ltd. for facilitation of micro finances to self help groups as micro finance institution.

Energy and environment:

Chief functionary of the organization participated in “partnership for clean indoor air” held at Bangalore and activities planned to be implemented with existing community partners.

Women and child development:

Awareness program has been organised for 76 participant women in three places with the help of central social welfare Board.

Intervention for Adolescent issues:

Organization has started to assist and guide these important groups of society who are the future change makers. They are assisted and supervised on different development issues.

Devolution of powers and responsibilities to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI):

Keeping the 73rd amendment in view organization is working with 40 village Panchayats for planning and implementation of village level development actions. A proposal for training of PRI representatives and functionaries has been submitted to ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India.

Human Resources Development and Capacity building:

This year the members and staff of the organization have attended the following training program: -

- Participated in visioning workshop of solution exchange (UNDP country team) food & nutrition community, Decentralization community and Work and employment community.
- Participated in Training on quality input supply and service providers organised by NCOF Gaziabad.
- Participated in workshops
- Partnership for clean indoor air.
- In house training on performance appraisal and leadership development.
- Training workshop on Fair Trade organic project at Hyderabad.
- Training of Rastriya mahila Kosh at Lucknow.

Trainings and capacity building program organized by the Organization:

- Different capacity building programs were held for SME development
- Experience sharing workshop SHG
- ULO technology orientation for Apple growers
- Organic farming for organic seed development
- Jute Diversified products 20 Trainees- Bhilangana Block

Our Partners/Donors:

- ❖ **Action for Food Production field unit-V Gwalior**
- ❖ **Agriculture and Organic Farming Group India, New Delhi**
- ❖ **Canadian High Commission, New Delhi**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand State council of Science & Technology, Dehradun**
- ❖ **National Afforestation and Eco-development Board, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt. of India.**
- ❖ **The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi**
- ❖ **G. B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (Hill campus) Ranichauri Tehri Garhwal**
- ❖ **Uttarakhand State Organic Certification Agency, Dehradun**
- ❖ **Science & Society division, Department of science & technology Govt. of India New Delhi.**
- ❖ **National center for organic farming department of agriculture and cooperation Govt. of India New Delhi.**
- ❖ **District Horticulture office Tehri Garhwal.**
- ❖ **Uttranchal women & child development society, department of women empowerment & child development Govt. of Uttranchal.**
- ❖ **State office of Commissioner of Khadi & village industries Dehradun.**
- ❖ **NABARD Tehri Garhwal & state office Dehradun.**
- ❖ **State Bank of India Ghansali & Regional office of PNB Dehradun.**
- ❖ **National center for jute diversification, Ministry of textile Govt. of India Kolkata**
- ❖ **Territorious Vivos Spain.**
- ❖ **Project Management unit (forest development) Govt. of Uttranchal Nainital.**

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