

**Sarada Kalyan Bhandar**  
( A Public Charitable Trust)  
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**General Secretary's Report : 2016 – 2017**

To Quote Swami Vivekananda – “ The national ideals of India are Renunciation and service Intensify her in those channels and rest will take care of itself.”

Worship-Love-Service with dedication are all terms carrying the same sense. We differently interpret them and behave in the manner we want to. The profile of a society will change if the inner significance of these three vibrant words be understood and worked out in the context of its true meaning. The gospel of new age is to give shelter and service to the suffering humanity from the curse of poverty and distress, frustration and depression, panic and growing tension prevailing in the ambit of the country. We need to revive the rich heritage of India and scavenge out everything that tarnishes the image of our country. We need an excellent pick up to finalize our track to run fast keeping in view the speedy motion of the Global scenario.

It is The Ahetuki Kripa of Her Holiness Sri Sri Sarada Devi and silent formative influence of Most Revered Swami Vireswaranandajee Maharaj, the tenth President of Ramakrishna Math & Ramakrishna Mission that this organization, Sarada Kalyan Bhandar has stepped to its 34<sup>th</sup> year of service.

Sarada Kalyan Bhandar is a registered non-profit public charitable trust, with Seven Trustees, eight membered Executive Committee, 10 Patrons, 36 lady members on the General Body and 225 sponsors and a good number of well wisher from India & Abroad.

The Trust with its Well-guarded constitution works through the Executive Committee. Vast field of activities covers mainly Education, Health, women liberalization, literacy drive and care of old mothers. The mission is to bring difference in the life style of the backward class in the society specially Youth, Women, Children & old helpless mothers.

The main activities of the Trust concentrate on Six projects.

**Higher Education Project** provides financial assistance to needy meritorious students for continuing their studies from higher secondary to under graduate & post graduate studies including Medical, Engineering , Nursing and the like technical and vocational streams. Financial support to them ranges from Rs. 500/- to 2,000/- per month besides books, other subsidiary educational and medical assistance. Vivekananda library with more than seven thousand three hundred books support their academic need. Various competitions, quiz, seminars and symposiums are arranged year round. Eminent educationists are invited as speakers in the seminars for encouraging the young talents. Several Memorial Prizes are introduced by well-wishers for brilliant academic performance of our students.

Local students also participate in the relief programme with full enthusiasm.

During the **financial year 2016 - 2017, Rs. 25,28,198.00** is spent for 437 students under Higher Education Project.

The second major project is **Child Welfare**. Under this scheme, twelve villages are covered. 668 children receive free regular coaching for improvement of their studies from Nursery to Secondary level. Physical training, yoga, drawing, computer, spoken English, music & dance classes are conducted as part of their extra curricular activities. Study materials, uniform, winter clothings, light tiffin, milk and fruits are given to children all six days a week. Nibedita Children's library encourages children.

It is mandatory for all local students under our Higher Education project to extend free service at Kalyanpith. 48 such student tutors are engaged as teachers in the child welfare project. One supervisor

& five Shift In-Charge are overall responsible for day-to-day running of its activities.

Children are showing wonderful results in their school examination.

This year 11 children in Madhyamik examination appeared. They passed with success.

Annual functions and Annual Sports are organized as scheduled.

Regular health measures including supply of medicine, weekly check up etc. are routine work. Dr. Ruma Das , Dr. Sandya Dhara, Dr. Chanchal Dey and Pharmacist, Sri Chandan Bhowmik are visiting Kalyanpith thrice a week for regular health check up of children. Free medicines are distributed to the patient on the prescription of our doctors.

I am really grateful to them for their honorary dedicated service.

Health awareness camps and annual health survey are organized this year also.

Our aim is to make our Child Welfare Centre, a role model.

Child Welfare Project is mainly supported by Vibha: Help Them Grow Inc., Asha for Education, Google Inc. American Service to India (ASTI), Street Children International, Dakshini Bengali Association of California & well wishers from abroad, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar, Kolkata and few well wishers from India support this project whole - heartedly.

Total expenditure on Child Welfare Centre during the **financial year 2016-2017 is Rs.32,41,502.00.**

Our third project is **Women Self Independence Promoting Scheme** which covers the overall expenditure of 66 lady students spending **Rs. 3,61,800.00 during the financial year 2016 - 2017.**

Aim of this project is to spread women education, prepare them for economic stability, save waste of talents, eradicate social evils like early marriage, torture and other women atrocities and finally make them aware of their rights and laws existing in their favour. We should always remember that women are the nucleus of the society.

**Girl Child Efficiency Development Scheme** takes the overall responsibility of girl child from class II. This project in long term will contribute meaningfully to develop confidence and stability in a girl child to be a perfect woman of tomorrow. **Rs.1,95,955.00 is spent on 26 girl children.**

All outstation students under higher education project are bound to participate in our fifth project **Literacy Drive Programme** during two vacations in a year. It will create a long time achievement in fighting illiteracy.

**Kalpataru Project** is to take care of 40 old distress ladies surviving uncared.

**Rs. 97,936.00 is spent for them during this financial year 2016-2017.**

**Janani Suraksha Yojana** is also organized where pregnant mothers are given nutritional food. They are also guided towards Govt. facilities existing for them.

Gymnasium classes for ladies three days a week are conducted regularly.

We arranged Swami Vireswarananda Memorial lecture on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as our humble homage to the great soul. Respected Pravrajika Achintyaprana Matajee , Secretary, Ramakrishna Sarada Mission Shiksha Mandir, Kolkata delivered her memorial lecture on ‘**ভারত কন্যা নিবেদিতা**’

Revered Pravrajika Atandraprana Matajee, Asst. Secretary , Sri Sarada Math & The Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar, Kolkata spoke on -“**The contribution of Sister Nivedita in Indian Science**” on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 in the Pravrajika Muktiprana Memorial Seminar.

This year our volunteers conducted relief work to the poor community by distributing 2500 blankets , 600 Sarees & 200 Dhutis received from Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar, Kolkata.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sister Nibedita is observed year round by conducting seminars, competitions and quiz on Sister Nibedita where beneficiaries of Sarada Kalyan Bhandar participated.

As concluding ceremony we are organizing a convention to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Sister Nibedita. Our students , women delegates and guests will be participating in this convention on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 at Shahid Pradyut Bhattacharya Smriti Sadan, Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad.

We are very fortunate that Revered Respected Pravrajika Jnanadaprana Matajee, Asst. Secretary Sri Sarada Math & The Ramakrishna Sarada Mission, Dakshineswar, Kolkata have agreed to preside over the convention. Eminent speakers will grace the occasion.

Friends, our fund source is only public donation. We need more inflow of funds for running the projects as well as the administrative infrastructure. We need to generate fund sources so that our service for the society can progress in a better way.

It is the wholehearted support of socially rejuvenated people that we have been able to preserve the dignity of this institution. No words can express my gratitude to them.

This conviction is the driving force of Sarada Kalyan Bhandar.

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General Secretary  
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