

## **Gewar Sankalp Samiti (GSS)**

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### **INTRODUCTION:**

Gewar Sankalp Samiti (GSS) was formed in January 2017 by a group of individuals who had strong believe that community based and people centered initiatives should be promoted to strengthen the sustainable process of development. Since the inception of the organization it has started working on improvement of the living standard of people of rural areas of Himalayan region of Uttarakhand with especial focus on women and gender empowerment. A life of hardship with drudgery for women and forced migration of men in search of petty jobs in the cities is needed to change and a process of true and holistic development of the community is required of the time. With this basic idea in mind and to utilize the vast resources, human and natural of the rural villages, this non-governmental organization was formally set up in August 2017.

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- **Contact Person:**

Mrs. Bhawana Sharma (President)

- **Legal Status:**

- Registered under Society Registration Act 1860 (Registration No. 20 / 2017 dated 18 August 2017).
- Registered under 12- A & 80- G of Income Tax Act.
- Registered under CSR-A

- **Vision:**

GSS strives for developing models for inclusion of socio-economically deprived section and poor women working in remote hilly regions. Its vision is for a Society where people are self-reliant and in control over their resources and lives.

- **Mission:**

GSS helps reducing poverty and social exclusion by facilitating community empowerment especially women and girls from poor and marginalized section of society.

- **Area of Work:**

Uttarakhand.

## **GOAL AND OBJECTIVES:**

### **Goal:**

- To make prosperous living of poor rural community of Uttarakhand hills.

## **Objectives:**

The main objectives of the organization are as follows:

- To undertake and support action initiatives for the sustainable development of the entire humankind through formation and strengthening of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), FPOs etc. with promotion of women and gender empowerment.
- To inculcate the habit of thrift (Savings) and credits among target groups.
- To provide the sustainable livelihood Models for the rural hill community of Uttarakhand.
- Promotion of diversified agriculture farming and providing backward and forward linkages to marginal farmers.
- To work for providing safe drinking water, basic health care, hygiene and sanitation facilities to the community.
- To work for develop and promote models on functional elementary education.
- To promote self employment and income generation activities through capacity and skill development trainings and value addition.
- To implement schemes and programmes formulated by the government for socio-economic development and welfare of all including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Woman, Youths, Children, Handicapped and Aged persons living in nook and corner of the area.
- To undertake research and evaluation studies on different development issues.

- To protect, conserve and restore the natural environment and preserve biological and cultural resources.
- To establish libraries or centers promoting traditional value system and nature cure, yoga and meditation at convenient places in the region so as to facilitate dissemination of findings of the various research studies, experimental innovative action oriented activities.
- To organize need based trainings, workshops and orientation programmes, management and technology related course in order to empower and build capability of each and every needy person, women group, youth group, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities and weaker section of the society.
- To conserve and promote the traditional & folk dances and cultural heritage of the area

### **MAJOR INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN/PROMOTED:**

The summary of major activities undertaken by the organization is as following:

1. Livelihood improvement programme i.e. food processing, mushroom and vegetable farming, drawing & painting on local culture (AIPAN), tailoring course, computer course etc.
2. Promotion of basic health care, hygiene and sanitation practices.
3. Mother, child & adolescent health.
4. Promotion of functional elementary education; pre schooling, formal & non-formal education.
5. Promotion of diversified agriculture farming, value addition and marketing.
6. Environment conservation, protection, promotion and natural resource management.
7. Women and gender empowerment. Formation and strengthening of community based groups- SHGs, FPOs etc.
8. Promotion of local art and culture heritage.

# Annual Work Progress Report

## ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2021-2022

### OUR FUNDING PARTNER

Gewar Sankalp Samiti in collaborations with various organizations has carried out various activities in the area through which efforts have been made for the social, economic, mental and development of the area. The department is written as follows.





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During the reporting year 2021-22 the main focus was given on livelihood improvement activities of rural community, organize environmental conservation and protection awareness campaigns, women and gender empowerment initiatives, promotion of local art and cultural activities, organize village and cluster level health check-up camps, clean up campaigns of village common property resources and trainings on livelihood promotion and organizational development. The detail of activities undertaken during the reporting year is given in different heads as following:

## Livelihood Improvement Programme:

Community livelihood improvement is one of most focused area of work of GSS since its inception. During the year 2021-22 under the Mukhyamantri Rojgaar evam Kaushal Vikas Yojana a total 150 women and youths were given training on tailoring skill. This project was supported by Uttarakhand Skill Development Society (UKSDM) Dehradun. The project was aimed to create self employment opportunity among the local women and youths and after the successful completion of the training programme most of the beneficiaries are started to earn additional income from tailoring job work at village and nearby town level.



The UKSDM also supported one project on promotion of mushroom cultivation as a livelihood improvement option in the area. Under this project a total 50 SHG women were being trained for the mushroom farming.



Under the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programmes (LEDPs) supported by the NABARD, Almora trainings on local drawing & painting (Aipan or Alpana) on sarees, women clothing and local wearing were promoted. Under this activity more than 90 women were provided trainings.

Besides the above some other livelihood activities were also promoted like food processing of local fruits & vegetables, knitting, computer education etc. to the women and local youths so that they can start their own business.

**The detail of activities is given in the following table:**

Sl .	Name of Activity	Date	Place	No. of Participants	Remark
1 .	Training on Tailoring	10.04.2021 to 15.07.2021	Block Chaukhtia, Village fulai, Digot, Boragaon, Dulari, Ramnagaon, Pipaldhar, Udlikhan	150	Skill development
2 .	Mushroom farming	03.05.2021 to 11.06.2021	Negad, Dhudhliya Manral	50	Livelihood improvement
3 .	Food processing	14.06.2021 to 07.09.2021	Ganai, Pechuni, Bakhali	50	Pickle making
4 .	Livelihood promotion	07.10.2021	Rampur, Talla Tajpur, Malla Tajpur , Bhanotiya, Pipaldhar, Ramnagaon,	80	PM Loan scheme, CCL
5 .	Agriculture activities	11.10.2021 to 25.11.2021	Pipaldhar, Dhansyari, Bhaltwani, Songaon	90	Livestock and increasing milk production
6	Poultry Farming and Fishery	05.12.2021	Basarkhet, Dhansyari, Nyoni	30	

## ➤ Promotion of community health, hygiene and sanitation:

The efforts initiated in the previous years for betterment of community health, hygiene and sanitation in the rural villages were continued and initiated with more attention during the reporting period 2021-22. Under this activity mass awareness were carried out on personal and domestic hygiene and sanitation condition. Village and cluster level meetings and workshops were organized with community on cleanliness of village common footpaths, personnel



hygiene, healthy and nutritious food intake; child immunization etc. school and college level meetings were also organized on these issues. For adolescent girls various sessions on important of individual hygiene during the menstrual periods were dealt and with the support of Shri Narayan culture Samiti Noida manufacturing of economical sanitary napkins were done and installed one vending machines in remote project areas for distribution of sanitary pads.

The detail is given in the following table:

Sl .	Name of Activity	Total No.	No. of Villages covered	No. of Participants	Remark
1 .	Meeting with SHGs & village community	15	Block –Chaukhutia, Pipaldhar, tallatajpur, Rampur,	840	Health, hygiene & sanitation
2 .	Training and workshops with women and adolescent	10	Block – Dwarahat, village –pujakhet, dhaydi, kaula  Block – Chaukhutia Village – Kwerali, Agar Manral, Jaiti Sera, Sirda	450	Health, hygiene and proper nutrition
3 .	Health camps	5	1 G.I.C. Chaukhutia Almora 2 G.I.C. Masi Block Chaukhutia  3 Block Garur main market District Bageshwar  4 Digot center of Gewar Sankalp Samiti  5 Village Kheera Block Chaukhutia	11000	Full Body Test, Sugar Test, LFT, B.P, ECG, Eye Test, Dental Checkup, ENT
4	Awareness	4	Village Dhone,	400	To create awareness

.	camp on importance of sanitary pads & menstruation , Free sanitary Pads distribution		Rithachaura, Udlikhan, Songaon, Bhatkot, Chandikhet, Bhanotiya, Dhansyari, Tatalgaon, Negad, Bhaltwani		about problems occurring during menstruation and to provide information to women about health and hygiene during menstruation and to distribute free sanitary pads to women
5	Awareness camp on women nutrition and health	7	G.I.C. Chaukhutia, Saraswati Sishu Mandir Chaukhutia, Nyoni, Basarkhet, Naugaon, Akhodiya, Dulari, Fulai, Ganai, Jamaniya	320	Organize village community level monthly meetings and trainings/workshops on health, hygiene & nutrition awareness issues.  School/college level various awareness events i.e. quiz, debates, poster making, pedestrian campaign (Padyatra) etc. within regular interval.

## ➤ Women and Gender Empowerment:

In the year 2021-22 various women and gender development activities were organized in which more than 700 women took participated. Till now around 50 women SHGs has been formed by GSS in 25 villages of block Chaukhutia and Dwarahat of dist. Almora. During the reporting period regular contact and meetings were organized with women SHG



members on assuring their proper participation in rural development process and proportional management of their village natural resources. During the meetings gender empowerment issues were discussed and information on District level development departments and schemes were given to the participants. Capacity and skill improvement training on leadership development were also given to the SHG members.

The detail is given in the following table:

Sl.	Name of Activity	Date	Place	No. of Participants	Major Issues Discussed
1.	Monthly meetings with SHGs	As per SHGs fixed date	Pipaldhar, Talla Tajpur, Ramnagaon, Rampur, Dhudhliya, Chandikhet, Dulari, Digot, Jamaniya Chaukori, Bhanotiya, Dhone,	500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing of experiences</li> <li>• SHG accounts and other records keeping</li> <li>• Gender Sensitization</li> <li>• Information on govt. departments</li> <li>• Protection of forest from fire.</li> <li>• Natural resource management</li> <li>• Debates poster, competition</li> <li>• Nukkad natak on gender equality</li> <li>• Career counseling for better future</li> </ul>
2.	School/College level events	According to available time of students	G.I.C .Chaukhutia, Wisdom Convent Chaukhutia, H.S.B. memorial school, Block level completion on Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan,	250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To create awareness about</li> </ul>
3.	Work shop with	On traditional			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To create awareness about</li> </ul>

	Mahila Mangal Dal	event Harela ,Basant panchami, Utrayani Phooldhei etc			government schemes by organizing Mahila Mangal Dals and to encourage self-employment
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**Environment Protection, Conservation and Restoration Campaign:**

During the year 2021-22 a total 15 cluster level environment protection and restoration campaigns were organized in which around 1200 persons participated. During these campaigns mass awareness on environment protection, conservation and restoration has been created among the local institutions (PRIS). Awareness on protection of forest from fire, plantation of broad leaf plants in van Panchayat forest and village common land, cultivation of medicinal plants and herbs, hybrid grass plantation, etc. were also discussed with village community and school/college children.



The detail is given in the following table

Sl.	Name of Activity	Date	Place	No. of Participants	Major Issues Discussed
1.	Quiz, debate and cultural activities	11.05.2021 07.07.2021 13.08.2021 04.09.2021	G.G.I.C Chaukhutia, G.G.I.C Masi, G.I.C Yogsain, Wisdom Convent School	1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural activities on environment protection.</li> <li>• Protection of forest from fire.</li> <li>• Broad leaf mix spices plantation.</li> </ul>
2.	Meeting on forest fire protection	16.10.2021 04.11.2021	Village – Pipaldhar, Boragaon, Simalkhet, Tatalgaon, Bijrani	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion of diversified organic farming. To organize women's group and make efforts to make them self reliant</li> </ul>
3.	Cleanliness campaign of village common resources	09.01.2022 03.02.2022 06.03.2022 15.03.2022	Block – Chaukhutia, Block Dwarahat in Almora District, Block Sitarganj, Block Bazpur in U.S. Nagar	270	

➤ **Promotion of local art and cultural activities:**

During the reporting year 2021-22 several training and workshops were organized on promotion of local drawing on cloths and other material which is called “AIPAN” in local tradition. Under this activity more than 100 women participants were given training and after getting the training these women are drawing and preparing many attractive products like printed shawls, sarees, wooden paintings etc. these products have a good quantity demands at State and National level market.

**The detail is given in the following table:**

<b>Name of Activity</b>	<b>Name of Block Covered</b>	<b>No. of Villages Covered</b>	<b>Total No. of Participants</b>	<b>Remark</b>
AIPAN training for livelihood improvement	Chaukhutia, Dwarahat & Salt	25	100 women	Supported by Ministry of . Culture, Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun
No. of products promoted	Chaukhutia, Dwarahat & Salt	15	60 women	Shawl painting, Diya, Chauki, Saree drawing etc.

The point wise details of achievements undertaken by GSS during the reporting year 2021- 2022 are given as following:

- I. GSS currently working with two ongoing projects on Tailoring Skill Training Programme and Mushroom Farming Project for 100 women with the support of Uttarakhand Skill Development Society (UKSDM), Govt. of Uttarakhand, Dehradun. This work is aimed to create more self employment options for the local women of blocks Chaukhutia, Dwarahat & Salt of dist. Almora.
- II. One project on promotion of local culture through Aipan and appliqué work is going on with the support of NABARD under the Livelihood and Enterprise Development Programmes (LEDPs) scheme. More than 100 women are working under the project from their home and making many products on folk art Aipan like Diya, choki, Duppta, Saree etc.
- III. GSS is running a project on Jal Jeevan Mission in more than 200 villages at Block Chaukhutia, Hawalbagh and Bhikiyasen of Almora District. Under the project use of safe drinking water, personal and domestic hygiene and health care issues of village community were being discussed.
- IV. Around 50 SHG groups are formed in Almora District and connected them with National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) scheme. GSS also helped them in getting PM Mudra Loan for their micro businesses and provided free trainings of food processing, knitting, tailoring and mushroom cultivation.
- V. As personal hygiene and sanitation is very important for an individual but because of the menstrual taboo no one speaks about it in rural area so GSS with support of Shri Narayan culture Samiti Noida promoted manufacturing of economical sanitary napkins and installed vending machines in remote project area.

## Village Action Plan and status of water supply and resources with J.J.M.



### Uttarakhand:-

Our organization have prepared more than 200 villages action plan of gram Panchayat with the support of J.J.M. our team have identified water resource and its long term sustainability, the status of water supply water quality issues and O&M

management.

### Award:-

President Mrs.-  
Bhawana Sharma  
has received  
Biggest award of  
Uttarakhand in the  
field of women  
employment from  
women and child  
development  
department of  
Uttarakhand –  
**(TILU RAUTELI  
AWARD 2021)**



➤ **Appreciated by Governor Uttarakhand:-**



The president of Gewar Sankalp Samiti has been continuously working on organizing women and making them self-reliant for the last 7 years. GSS is saving more than women and youth from migrating from Uttarakhand by providing free training in skill development. The work done by President Bhawana Sharma on women empowerment and women self-employment was

appreciated by Governor Gurmit Singh and he also tweeted about her from his Twitter.

➤ **Other Development Activities:**

During the reporting period GSS has organized various other development activities which are given in the following table:

**YEAR – 2021 -2022**

<b>S. N.</b>	<b>Name of Beneficiary/ Organization</b>	<b>Name of Block Covered</b>	<b>No. of Villages/ Participants</b>	<b>Scheme name</b>	<b>Remark / Training Subject</b>
1	Panchayati raj (No of Block level ward members and Pradhan )	Two blocks Chaukhutia and salt		Capacity building development training.	9 themes of S.D.G. training.
2	UKSDM (Mukhyamantri Rojgaar evam kaushal Vikas Yojna )	150		. <b>E.L.S.T.P.</b>	Self employed tailor
3	Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam	200		Jal Jeevan mission.	Monitoring implementation phase in villages
4	NABARD	90 Women member of 30 SHG		Livelihood and enterprise development programmes .	Aipan and appliqué work
5	Computer Siksha	350		Free computer	3 month basic training

				Education.	
6	Minority welfare (Mukhyamantri Hunar Yojana)	<b>30 women</b>		Mukhyamantri Hunar Yojana	Self employed tailor

### **Staff Personnel and Responsibilities (2021-22)**

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Name of Staff</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Experience</b>
1.	Mrs. Bhawana Sharma	President	10 Years
2.	Mr. Manoj Sharma	Project Coordinator	10 Years
3.	Ms. Diksha Kandpal	Center Head	7 Years
4.	Mr. Shiv Kumar	Team Leader	9 Years
5.	Mr. Narendra Kumar	Field Coordinator	7 Years
6.	Ms. Rupa Goswami	Master Trainer	5 Years
7.	Mrs. Kamla Devi	Field Facilitator	6 Years
8	Mr. Basant Upadhyay	Master Trainer	15 Years
9	Mr. Ganesh Pandey	Master Trainer	12 Years
10	Mrs. Kiran Bala	Field Facilitator	15 Years

