

## **The Annual Report of Shoshit Seva Sangh for the financial year 2010-11 (April 01, 2010 to March 31, 2011)**

A). The Foundation Day of the school was held on 16th July, 2010. The Governor of Bihar was the Chief Guest. The cultural programme put by the students was widely acclaimed by the invitees and the media. Some photographs of the function and newspaper coverage are attached.

B). The Field Programme Officer of GlobalGiving based in Washington D.C., Bill Brower, visited the school. His report is on the website of GlobalGiving. His report inter-alia mentioned “JK Sinha, founder and chairman of the organization, believes that providing high quality education to the highest desired level to promising musahar students will enable them to be catalysts for change for their community—one that has lived figuratively and literally on the tattered fringes of society for thousands of years. From my visit to their boarding school, I would say the 200+ current students are receiving just that.”

C). Max India Foundation has taken up a complete immunization programme for the children of the school. This indeed is a major contribution towards medical care for the students of the school. Two Volunteers from Pravah, an NGO based in New Delhi, Mr. Ashutosh Nandwana and Ms. Irfana Bakht stayed in the school for one month and made an yeoman contribution to the success of the cultural programme on the Foundation Day. Indicorps, an organization based at Ahmadabad and the US, which facilitates placements of volunteers drawn from Indian diaspora in the US on charitable projects in India has signed an MoU with SSS to locate a volunteer with its project. Similarly the American Indian Foundation is also likely to place a volunteer with the SSS. Both the organization place volunteers for the period of one year September-August. Annual placements are done every year by both these organizations. SSS has made suitable provision for the volunteers to stay within the school premises and their presence will certainly add great value to the faculty and raise the academic standard of the school.

D). Prof. Shankar Dutt, senior professor of English, Patna University, visited the school in October 2010 and his report posted on the blog is reproduced below -

**Sunday, October 10, 2010**

### **Magic Realism: how a teacher can make all the difference.**

If you were to drive down Jawaharlal Nehru Road, past Raja Bazaar, take a right turn a little ahead of Jagdeo Path, then follow the twists and turns of the street , you will finally arrive at the site of a silent social and educational revolution.

Two identical-looking buildings house the Soshit Samadan Kendra, a fully free English medium residential school for Musahar children. This community is possibly the state’s most oppressed and disprivileged community of rat-eaters who have been living in conditions of abysmal and degrading poverty. Most work as bonded labourers and live at the edge of villages defined by demeaning social cartography.

Shoshit Seva Sangh is the brainchild of its founder and Chairman, Mr. J.K. Sinha, who after a long and distinguished career in the Indian Police service, returned to Bihar to make a difference to this uneven state. SSS in partnership with Samadhan, a Delhi based NGO established Shoshit Samadhan Kendra that provides students education, boarding, lodging, clothes and healthcare to the two hundred and twenty students. Aside of the school curriculum, there are other activities that define the transformative miracle of this project.

An economist by training, Mrs. Geetha Prasad volunteered to teach communication skills to a group of students drawn from the sixth to the ninth grade and this is what she has been pursuing with meticulous determination for twenty months. Both Mr. J.K. Sinha and Mrs. Geetha Prasad had invited me to visit the school over some months. Mrs. Prasad wished that I could evaluate the work that her students had done and the progress they had made. On the 6th of October, a day that turned out to be unusually busy for me, I decided to put my conscience to rest and visit the school. Mrs. Prasad very graciously picked me up from home and explained the kind of language exercises that she had devised for the children while we drove to school. On our arrival, I was taken to a room with many computers, an LCD projector, a white laminated board and paste-boards that displayed charts with phonemic symbols. Here I was greeted with choric cheer 'good-afternoon Sir'. I greeted them in turn and told them by way of an introduction that I taught at the university and that I had come to learn what they had learnt. Once the ice was broken, I was amazed at the confidence with which they spoke during a communications exercise, the kind of vocabulary they used, the logical sequence of thoughts they were able to articulate and their desire to learn.

Many of the university students I know would come a distant second to their skills and we must bear in mind that twenty months ago they knew no English.

We in India, most ironically, have been gifted with an accessory of colonialism: the English language. For Macaulay, it was an instrument of subordinate recruitment to aid colonial governance. Today it is an instrument of empowerment; of liberation; of global access to knowledge and technology. Sadly our politicians in the name of linguistic chauvinism have equated English with colonialism and sought its ouster because of the fatuous belief that it had compromised national pride. Aijaz Ahmad most appropriately questions the propriety of some of the other things that came along with colonial rule such as the Indian Railways. Should we throw that out as well? I knew that the children of SSK were beneficiaries of a very special gift. However it ought not to silence the cultural traditions of their unique experience. And so I told the children that the next time I came, I would listen to all their folk tales. Time seemed to race by and the session of fun learning came to an end. I shook hands with each of the students and left the room to the choric resonance of 'thank you Sir'.

As we sat in the library leafing through books and flip-charts, I said to Mrs. Geetha Prasad, 'you have worked magic'.

by Professor Shanker Dutt

E). During the financial year 2010-11 the following institutions / foundations decided to extend support to Shoshit Seva Sangh –

- 1). Edelgive Foundation established by Edelwiess, a Pvt. Ltd. financial company,
- 2). Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, established by Tata & Sons.

F). A representative of ADM Capital Foundation, a London / Hong Kong based financial company sent the chief of their CSR division to visit the school run by Shoshit Seva Sangh. Their report on the school is indeed laudatory and they are also likely to support the SSS project.

G). During 2010-11, the SSS was able to raise funds to acquire one acre of land adjoining the one acre of land bought last year (2009-10). The total cost of acquisition of land, approximately 2 acres, is nearly Rs.2.50 crores. As per the DPR (Detailed Project Report) prepared by architects and engineers, the cost of construction of the residential school building is estimated to be Rs. 6 to 7 crores. This school building will have the capacity to accommodate 500 students in the hostel and shall have all the necessary facilities laid down by the Central Board of Secondary Examination (CBSE). The SSS must now raise the funds to finance the construction of the school.

H) The accounts of Shoshit Seva Sangh for the financial year 2010-11 were audited by M/s Singh Ray Mishra & Co., Chartered Accountants, Patna. The total expenditure during the financial year was Rs. 57,43,339/- excluding the cost of land. The Audit Report is available at [http://sssfoundation.com/?page=Audit\\_Report](http://sssfoundation.com/?page=Audit_Report) .

I) The Head of the NGO Shri J.K. Sinha does not draw any remuneration or enjoy any benefit on account of the NGO. The highest paid functionary of the NGO is the Director of the school, Shri B.C. Varma, IPS (Retd.), Former Inspector General of Police, Jharkhand, who gets an honorarium of Rs. 21000/- per month. The lowest paid staff is the Asst. Cook in the Mess getting a salary of Rs.1800/- per month. The distribution of staff according to salary levels and gender break up are as follows :-

Slab of gross salary per month (in Rs) plus benefits paid to staff	Male staff	Female staff	Total staff
Less than 5000	17	0	17
5,000 – 10,000	2	1	3
10,000 – 25,000	4	3	7
25,000 – 50,000			
50,000 – 1,00,000			
Greater than 1,00,000			

J) All the Board Members including the Founder-Chairman work in a purely voluntary capacity and draw no benefits from the Shoshit Seva Sangh. However Shri B.C. Varma who is the Director of the Shoshit Samadhan Kendra, the fully free English medium

residential school run by Shoshit Seva Sangh and is a Member of the Board of Trustees draws an honorarium as indicated above. The list of Board of Trustees is given below –

S No.	Name	Address	Designation	Nationality
1	Jyotivas Kumar Sinha	Flat no. 101-A, M.K. Apartments, New Patliputra Colony, Patna – 800013	Founder-Chairman	Indian
2	Smt. Padama Bhatnagar	C-II/2146, Vasant Kunj New Delhi – 110070	Trustee	Indian
3	Vishnu Surkea	M-14-B, South Extension Part – II, New Delhi	Trustee	Indian
4	Shreevardhan Sinha	Flat no. 101-A, M.K. Apartments, New Patliputra Colony, Patna – 800013	Trustee	Indian
5	Neha Sinha	Flat no. 101-A, M.K. Apartments, New Patliputra Colony, Patna – 800013	Trustee	Indian
6	Chetan Kumar	Flat no. 205 A-13, Kailash Colony, New Delhi - 110048	Trustee	Indian
7	B.C. Varma	House No. 2, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg, Off S.K. Puri, Patna – 800013	Trustee	Indian
8	Nikesh Sinha	Y-103, Regency Park – II, Gurgaon – 122002, Haryana	Trustee	Indian
9	Dr. A. A. Hai	Hai Medicare & Research Institute, Raja Bazar, Bailey Road, Patna – 800 014	Trustee	Indian
10	K. D. Chatterjee	East Boring Canal Road, Patna.	Trustee	Indian
11	Smt. Kanak Saran	Bailey Road, Patna.	Trustee	Indian
12	Suresh Bhayana	Bhayana Builders Pvt. Ltd., 7, Factory Road, Near Safdarjang Hospital, New Delhi - 110029	Trustee	Indian

K) No international travel was undertaken by the personnel of Shoshit Seva Sangh. Internal or national travel was undertaken only by the Founder-Chairman but in principle he has laid down that internal travel by him or any member of the Board of Trustees on account of Shoshit Seva Sangh shall be borne personally by the Trustee himself.




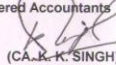
**SHOSHIT SEVA SANGH**  
**NEW PATLIPUTRA COLONY, PATNA**  
**RECEIPT & PAYMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 01.04.10 TO 31ST MARCH'2011**

RECEIPT	AMOUNT(Rs.)	PAYMENT	AMOUNT(Rs.)
<b>Opening Balance :</b>		By, Mess Expenses	1,816,154.00
" ICICI Delhi	42,479.00	" , Salary & Wages	2,022,483.00
" ICICI Patna	341,340.00	" , Rent	540,650.00
" HDFC Bank Patna	517,127.36	" , Bank charges	1,713.00
" Indian Overseas Bank	15,558.00	" , Clothes & Shoes	233,744.00
" , Cash-in-Hand	25,837.00	" , Printing & Stationary	122,116.00
	942,341.36	" , Telephone & Internet expenses	21,555.00
		" , Electricity Charges	60,610.00
		" , Repair & Maintenance	241,725.00
To Donation Received	18,527,879.04	" , Toiletries expenses	109,849.00
To Bank Interest	115,590.93	" , Miscellaneous expenses	238,803.00
		" , Function & Seminar expenses	38,163.00
		" , Medicine	6,572.00
		" , Furniture & Fixture	207,876.00
		" , Computer	50,171.00
		" , Land	10,996,300.00
		" , Fan	23,400.00
		" , Audit fee	7,755.00
		<b>Closing Balance</b>	
		<b>Cash at Bank:</b>	
		" ICICI Delhi	5,330.39
		" ICICI Patna-7479	2,500,000.00
		" ICICI Patna-2909	79,629.00
		" SBI Patna	29,368.30
		" HDFC Bank Patna	780.29
		" Cheque in hand	193,003.00
		" Indian Overseas Bank	16,110.00
		" , Cash-in-Hand	21,951.35
			2,846,172.33
	<b>19,585,811.33</b>		<b>19,585,811.33</b>

In terms of our separate report of even date

Place : PATNA  
Dated : The 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sep, 2011

SHOSHIT SEVA SANGH (FPO)  
  
(J.K. SINHA)  
CHAIRMAN

For SINGH RAY MISHRA & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants  
  
(CA. K.K. SINGH)  
Partner



(J.K. Sinha)  
Founder-Chairman