

# SAC Support a child

Education Builds Strong Nation

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

## MESSAGE



Aatmiya Smt. Renu Guptaji Jai Shri Ram

I am glad to know that VHP America is publishing Annual Report on their expanding SAC activities in the consecutive third year. VHP in Bharat is involved in & conducting thousands of service activities in the field of education, health, women empowerment, skill development and child welfare. This initiative from the Bharatiya society along with the efforts made by the government is doing wonders in the general upliftment of the economically and otherwise weaker sections of the society.

The commendable efforts made by the SAC in Bharat for the children of the weaker and disadvantaged sections of the society are making a very important contribution to this overall effort. Contributions and more importantly the efforts done with a noble sense of duty by the SAC team (donors and workers) are greatly appreciated by everybody in Bharat. Please convey my heartfelt appreciation to all the donors and karyakartas (selfless workers) of SAC in USA. May all of you become very successful in this noble cause of service. As all of us know, "*Nar Seva is Narayan Seva*"- May we all, always walk together, on this holy path of service steadfastly.

Yours Milind Parande Secretary General, Vishwa Hindu Parishad

#### **Ashram not Hostel**

In last 5 years we have visited 25 + Hostels in 10 states out of 75 Hostels in 20 states supported by SAC (Support A Child) project. From Haridwar to Kochi and from Goa to Assam we found all hostels very clean, well equipped with basic needs, even with advance facilities like computers, modern kitchens and toilets. We found all students very well behaved and well-groomed and the staff very dedicated and caring. Many caretakers have dedicated their life for the cause and stay 24 hours at the facility, just to protect children from any mischief or abuse.

All boys and girls are disciplined and respectful and full of confidence and optimistic about their future. These students perform better in studies in comparison to the local students, who come from their homes. The schools, where these SAC supported students study, have been winning the best school awards for many years now.

Once I was going through the list of all the hostels and found that most of the hostels are called Ashrams, like Jankai Ashram in Gujarat, Paravathi Balasevashram in Karnataka, Maharishi Valmiki Ashram in Uttar Pradesh, Sevaashram in Assam, Eklavya Ashram and Shriram Ashram in Rajasthan and many more.

What is the difference between Hostel and an Ashram. Hostel is a modern or western phenomena and Ashram reflects a traditional or ancient heritage. In a hostel students pay a fee, finish their schooling and leave. They don't remain associated with the hostel once they leave. Students don't associate with daily hostel activities and situations. There is no mentoring, Samskaar or personality development of a child in a hostel setting. While in Ashram there is Guru Shishya Parampara. Children who live in Ashram participate in Ashram activities like cleaning, cooking or other chores. An Ashram is like their home. Children participate in Daily Pooja, Yoga and celebrate all festivals. Great Human values, Hindu Samskaras and Patriotic Character is built in an Ashram.

**Renu Gupta** VP - Support A Child

### **SAC CORE Team**



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"SAC Thanks All Donors and Volunteers"

### Name of Beneficiary Institutions



	North - East (Assam)			Karnataka		
1 2 3 4 5	Mohata Chhatrawas Rangsina Chhatrawas Rengbonghom Sevashram UPJSS, Hejaichak Hindu School Pagal Baba Hostel	<ul> <li>Haflong</li> <li>Borthal</li> <li>Pulani</li> <li>Dima Hasao</li> <li>Titaguri</li> </ul>	1 2 3 4 5	Sree Datta Balasevashram Sewa in Action Mangla Seva Samiti Swami Vivekanand Vidhya Niketan Sree Saraswathi Vidyaniketana	- - -	Gulberga Bangalore Kodialbail Neraluru Anekal
	Tripura		6	Swami Vivekananda Vidhya Kendra Parvathi Balasevashrama	-	Hoskote Chamraj Nagar
1	Sadhak Ratanmani Seva Sadan	<ul><li>Anand Bazar</li><li>Dhalai</li></ul>	8	Bhartiya Vidhya Mandira	-	Mysuru
2	Baba Longtarai Sevashram	- Dhalai	Tamilnadu			
	Delhi		1	Sri Puthridangondeeswarar Ashram	-	Coimbatore
1 2 3 4	Bharat Kalyan Pratishthan VHP Foundation Punjarjagaran Samiti Janak Dulari Foundation	<ul> <li>New Delhi</li> <li>Delhi</li> <li>Delhi</li> <li>Delhi</li> </ul>	1 2 3	Maharashtra Vanvasi Prakalpa Kanya Chhatralaya Prathmik Ashramshala Prathmik Ashramshala	-	Nashik Udasa Devalapar
Gujarat		4.	Indrani Seva Samiti	-	Talegaon	
1 2 3 4	Sri Gujarati Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad Maruti Chhatralaya Swami Vivekanand Seva Samiti Bhartiya Sanskruti Seva Trust	<ul> <li>Vadodara</li> <li>Santrampur</li> <li>Motisaran</li> <li>Dediapara</li> </ul>	5 6 7 8	Gayatri Gram Vikas Sanstha Gayatri Balikashram Gopal Navjeevan Kendra Vanvasi Vidhyarthi Vastigrah	- - -	Akola Malkapur Vadgaon Maval Nandurbar
5	Ahilya Kanya Chhatrawas	- Anjar		Goa		
6 7	Sri Janki Ashram Vidyalaya-DangSri Ramkrishna Nivasi Ashramshala-Mahisagar		1 2	Matru Chhaya Matru Chhaya Balkalyan Ashram	-	Phonda Talauli



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	Rajasthan		
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Bajrang Ashram Maharishi Valmiki Ved Pathshala Eklavya Ashram Vivekanand Ashram Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan Chhatrawas Guru Sandipini Ashram Shree Ram Ashram		Kota Shergarh Banswara Choti Sharvan Pratapgarh Beawer Tantiawas Sajjangarh Kota Jamdoli
	Andhra Pradesh		
1 2 3	Sri Siva Gopal Lunani Valmiki Vignan Kendra Vivekananda Vidhya Nikethan Girijan Vikas Kendram	- -	Vankavariguden Addatheegala Vedurnagram
	Telangana		
1	Gyaneshwar Seva Trust	-	Nagar Kurnool
	Uttar Pradesh		
1 2 3 4	Maharishi Valmiki Vanwasi Chhatrawas Vishwa Hindu Parishad Foundation Girivasi Vanvasi Seva Prakalpa Smt Bhagirathi Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya	- - - a-	Naugarh Ayodhya Ghorawal Chunar
	Odisha		
1	Jashoda Sadan Seyadham Chhatrawas	-	Cuttack Deogarh

- 2 Sevadham Chhatrawas
- 3 Sri Ram Jyoti Sewashram

DeogarhSundergarh

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Shankracharya Sanskrut Kanya Ashram Vivekananda Residential School Takshila Bhartiya Vidya Niketan Sri Laxmi Narayan Gurukul Ashram Bharatmata Vedic Sevashram Gurukul Sankrut Vidalaya Navjeevan Seva Ashram Gurukul Sankrut Vidalaya		Jaleshpatta S.Uruda Bhuban Dhenkanal Sambalpur Kandhmal Ganjam Chakapad				
	Madhya Pradesh						
1	Snehdhara	-	Gwalior				
	West Bengal						
1 2 3 4	Gopali Ashram Badami Devi Shishu Kalyan Kendra S B K Ashram Devi Kannamoni Chhatrawas	- - -	Kharakpur Howrah Ghargram Lalpur, Bodra				
	Haryana						
1	Punarjagran Samiti	-	Gurugram				
	Jharkhand						
1	Birsa Seva Nyas	-	Ranchi				
	Uttranchal						
1 2 3 4	Matru Anchal Kanya Vidyapeeth Durgadatt Kapilashrami Sanskrit Vidyalya Vatsalya Vatika Shri Ram Sanskrit Pathshala	- - -	Jagjeetpur Haldwani Haridwar Nainital				
	Kerala						
1	Swami Vivekanand Cultural Society	-	Kochi				

### SAC Annual Fundraising Shows in USA in 2019





For the last several years SAC hosted world class cultural programs in multiple USA cities to raise awareness about the various projects undertaken by VHPA as well as to raise funds for SAC.

In 2019, the SAC USA team invited Dhaatu Puppet Theater from Bengaluru, India, to perform a Puppet and Dance Musical on Mahakavi Kalidas's famous play "Malviakagnimitram". The play features a unique combination of hand-made beautiful puppets interacting with a live Bharatnatyam dancer throughout the show.

The fundraising show was done in 20 cities in the USA in Jul/Aug 2019. The musical event drew huge crowd (attended by 3000+ audience) and captivated the audience of all ages from diverse backgrounds. SAC goal for this year was to raise funds to support 2900 children in India. However, due to the overwhelming response, it surpassed the goal and supported 3,100 children instead with additional new sponsors.

**Neelam Jaiswal** National Coordinator SAC Events





### **SAC Report from USA**

Support-A-Child (SAC), was established in 1985 as an initiative of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of America (VHPA) a non-profit organization registered in the USA, to help eradicate illiteracy and improve the living conditions of children from poor and disadvantaged families in India. SAC is run totally by volunteers' efforts, with minimal overhead costs. Today SAC has a strong presence in 27 active chapters in 16 states in the US, with dedicated chapter coordinators, and a strong national team.

Donors may support a child (or several children) by donating \$250 per child which provides for the education and living expenses of the child for a year. Donors receive a report card for each sponsored child every year and are encouraged to visit the SAC supported hostels in India. Please visit sacusa.org to learn more about the initiatives and success stories of SAC.

To ensure "Satpatri Daan", SAC collaborates with various organizations dedicated to serving the poor and needy in India so that help reaches where it is needed most. Some of these organizations are Bharat Kalyan Prathishthan (BKP) (Sewa Vibhag of VHP Bharat), Sewa Bharati, Sewa Dham, Vivekanand Kendra and Seva in Action. Among these, BKP is our main partner which runs several hostels in cities as well as in remote villages and tribal regions of India, where poverty and lack of resources prevent youth from getting any education. To address the needs of this neglected populace, schools have been started in remote areas of Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Assam, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Now we see the presence of SAC supported hostels in all the states of Baharat. BKP, a project of VHP, with the help of about 200 associated organizations or trusts all over Bharat, is dedicated to jan-kalyan and is an embodiment of the lofty principle of "Nar-seva, Narayan-seva."

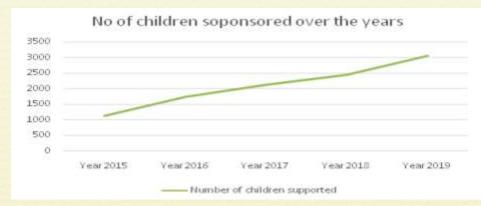
This year, SAC shifted its operations from Houston, TX to Cincinnati, OH. Sangeeta Singh-ji joined us as Office Manager and is ably providing all the backend support. This year has been challenging for everyone due to Covid-19 pandemic, however volunteers of SAC have shown exceptional focus and have continued with the fundraising efforts.

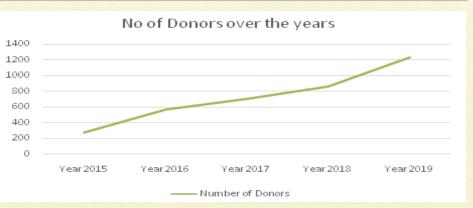
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#### Last 5-year SAC Statistics at a Glance:

	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019
Number of children					
Supported	1139	1738	2139	2464	3064
Number of Donors	276	566	710	867	1236
Number of Hostels	42	59	59	72	75
Number of States in India					
(Donations Given)	13	15	18	19	20
Number of States in US					
(Donations Received)	35	35	35	37	37
Total Donations Received	\$ 167,126.00	\$379,013.63	\$ 453,488.00	\$ 431,352.10	\$ 535,980.21





- Jayant Daftardar Director- SAC USA



### **Visiting SAC Hostel**

#### Visit to Janki Ashram, Dediapada, Gujarat

6th February 2020 was the most memorable day of our life. It was the day we visited Janki Ashram at Dediapada, Gujarat. This village is 135 km from Vadodara. We reached the Ashram at 11.30 am and left at 5pm. We met more than 140 underprivileged girls studying in the 9th and 10th standard staying in the hostel. Their stay is partly supported by the SAC program of VHPA.

We were welcomed traditionally and treated like family members. The rooms and bunk-beds were very neat and clean. However, the girls on upper berths were very close to the ceiling fans and the lower berth were not getting proper flow of air due to the obstruction of the upper berth. The condition of the rooms and buildings were very good and nicely maintained. The food served was also very hygienic. There is a school in the same compound which allows the town children to get good education. Teachers are paid as per government standards and all accounts are well maintained.

We were treated to a cultural program presented by these girls. Some of the items presented were award winning items at tribal events at State level competition.

Varshaben Sheth, who manages many such hostels in remote tribal areas like Dangs etc. has dedicated her life to the less fortunate girls. She is serving with lots of personal sacrifices and her untiring efforts have improved life and education of many in these remote areas. Most of the girls are adopting nursing and teaching as a career, after passing final school exams.

The rector Sombhai and his wife also takes good care of the girls of Janaki Ashram.

Our visit was filled with the satisfaction of knowing that the donations received by this institution are being well utilized.

We are thankful to SAC-VP Renu Gupta for arranging the visit.

Jahnavi & Dhaval Joshipura Houston,TX



### **Visiting SAC Hostel**



#### Visit to Matra Anchal Kanya Peeth, SAC Hostel in Haridwar

In November 2019, my husband Chandrakant and I visited the SAC hostel/school, Matra Anchal Kanya Vidhya Peeth, located in Haridwar, Uttrakhand. We were picked up from Hrishikesh by Shri Anandji Harbola and taken to Matra Anchal Kanya Vidya Peeth, a hostel for girls in Haridwar and after that, we also visited Vatsalya Vatika, a hostel for boys. We met with Sadhwiji, Nandlalji and Mamtaji and visited several classrooms. The girls were, healthy well behaved and appeared comfortable. They welcomed us, sang a patriotic song and a bhajan for us.

Apparently some of the girls were sought for matrimonial purposes by local prominent and educated families because the girls were very cultured and well behaved. We enjoyed our lunch at school with Mamtaji and Anandji. It was nice to hear some interesting stories about Sadhwiji and Mamtaji and the history of the school. Thanks to such dedicated and kind people who are shaping and influencing the personalities and future of these girls.

Mamtaji indicated that funds were needed to update education with digital technology. I have forwarded her email to Renuji, who will be able to arrange help for Matra Anchal Kanya Vidhya Peeth. We appreciate the hard work of the staff at hostels like Matra Anchal Kanya Vidhya Peeth, supported by SAC. Our best wishes for all.

- Maya and Chandrakant Bhatia







### **Visiting SAC Hostel**

#### Visit to "Putringond Ishwar Ashram" SAC Hostel in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

We visited SAC supported hostels in the state. The local unit of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) in Tamil Nadu has recently undergone some significant changes, and with new leadership in place, lot of hard work is being put in to rebuild the things again. Currently, VHP is running its projects under the "Samarpan Seva Sansthan" Trust. We visited the SAC supported hostel in Coimbatore, which is the only one at present in Coimbatore, and is more than four years old. This hostel is almost 16 kms. away from the urban center of Coimbatore. It houses 24 young boys studying from 1<sup>st</sup> grade to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. These boys come from the surrounding areas within the 70-80 km radius. Many of these boys are either orphans or come from a very poor background with only one parent. All of these boys attend the nearby Government school.

The Ashram has a board of four dedicated members who run the hostel. Shri Sudhakarji, a Pracharak of the RSS lives in the hostel. The Ashram also has two cooks and one cleaning person to assist the residents. The facility in the ashram was modern and clean. The ashram consists of a large office or meeting room, two large halls for the boys to sleep in and have all essential facilities.

Cleaned and sanitized toilets and bathrooms are in adjoining rooms. The Ashram also has one hall for doing Pooja and gatherings. Outside of the ashram, there is a volley ball court and a playground to play cricket or soccer. The RSS daily shakha is also run here on the hostel premises and participants come from nearby areas. We also had the good fortune of meeting Aruna Devi ji, a dedicated and very active volunteer. She is incharge of a nearby Gaushala. Arunaji also takes care of all of the office work of the Ashram. She also heads the Mahila Shakti Forum which provides vegetables and other assistance to the residents. When we visited the hostel, all of the residents were returning just after taking their exams. After performing cleaning duties, they sat and did prayers in the pooja room, did additional chores, and then had their lunch. As they entered the hostel, each of the boys came and greeted us.



Behind the origins of the hostel was a senior engineer from California who visited home in Coimbatore. He visited an orphanage run by his friend and was very impressed and got inspired. Soon Mr. Ramanji bought the land and got a nice hostel built and then deliberated who was going to run the hostel. Finally, he approached both VHP Bharat and the local VHP unit in Tamil Nadu. He converted one building into an ashram, housing over 24 students presently. He also has one more building ready to start. We are deeply inspired by his efforts and kind gesture. Ramanji also realized we need a solid and dedicated organization to fulfill his dream and made

tremendous effort in doing so. It was a deeply inspiring visit, witnessing the dedication and sacrifice of committed volunteers. We hope that this ashram will be the start of building more facilities to promote education and welfare in the area.

Renu & Arun Gupta Cincinnati, OH



### **Testimonials**



#### Ashramshaala Devlapaar: A Superior Education System for Some, Possible Because of You

-Rutvij Holay

"Jai Shri Ram" – You never hear those words in most schools, and may even get mocked for saying so, yet these were the first words I heard when entering Ashramshaala Devlapar. I had never seen a student touching the feet of the Principal and calling her "Tai" (Sister in Marathi). I had never seen a school performing a Puja to Bharat Mata. This school in Devlapar, a small village, one hour from Nagpur, truly a school like no other I have seen.

I was blessed to have the opportunity to visit the school, and to be able to see the results of your work. By reading this, you may realize how much of a difference Support-a-Child (SAC) makes, and be inspired to continue this work to make more schools like this possible.

We were picked up around 8 am by the Principal, Manda Kathokeji, who came to take us in a van. She explained that this van was used to pick up the students at the beginning of the

year, so that bad weather or other circumstances would not discourage students from coming. I did not realize how extraordinary it was until I visited the government sponsored state-schools, where half the students were absent due to the rainy weather.

After around an hour or so, we arrived at the school, and teachers from the school touched my Aaji's (Grandma) feet and said, "Jai Shri Ram." We went a bit further inside, and met one of Mandaji's first students, who had come back to teach at the school. She mentioned she had graduated with a BA in Sanskrit in an age, where all of us are pursuing degrees in computer science and other STEM subjects. She decided to learn about our mother tongue, and then return to teach at this school. She did something which should be considered extraordinary now-a-days. She chose to give back. Every school can give knowledge, that is what they are meant for. Yet, in these schools, we find something else, something that I have not seen in schools for a long time, or in the world. In this school, we find values. Values, which are so strong that you can see them before we enter the school.

#### **Mukesh Kumar Varma**

Mukesh Kumar Varma lived in a boys' hostel in Tatiawas, Rajasthan near Jaipur. This hostel is run by VHP Bharat. Mukesh also attended middle school while staying in the hostel. Mukesh comes from a very poor and uneducated family. His father does a labor job at minimum wages. Mukesh gives full credit to the Tatiawas hostel for giving him the right Education, Sanskaar, and great Hindu values. After leaving the hostel, Mukesh went for higher education and got his Masters degree. Currently Mukesh works as a soldier in BSF (Border Security Forces) in Meghalaya (northeast of Bharat). Mukesh is always connected with the Tatiawas hostel. Whenever he comes home, he spends a good amount of time at the hostel facility. He gives physical fitness training to the boys staying at the hostel.







### Sewa Karya - Corona

वैश्विक कोरोना संकट के प्रभाव के कारण भारतवर्ष में संचालित अधिकांश छात्रावासों में बालकों की अनुपस्थिति रही। कुछ छात्रावासों में जहां दूरस्थ क्षेत्रों के बालक अध्ययनरत हैं वे आवागमन की सुविधा न होने के कारण इस परिस्थिति में छात्रावास में ही रहे, किंतु स्थानीय संकट काल की स्थिति में भी वहां किसी प्रकार की गतिविधि का अभाव रहा। अपने संचालित छात्रावासों में से जिन छात्रावासों ने कुछ सेवा कार्य किए उनका विवरण इस प्रकार है–

- हाफलांग अन्न वितरण
- फुलोनी अन्न वितरण
- टाटियावास अन्न वितरण
- ब्यावर केन्द्र भोजन,औषधि,पशु आहार एवं मास्क वितरण सितंबर माह के अंत में

अक्टूबर माह में दीपावली के पश्चात् से राज्यों के शासन की नीति के अनुसार छात्रावासों का आरंभ होने की संभावना है। तत्पश्चात सभी गतिविधियां सुचारू रूप से संचालित हो सकेंगी।

















