



# Ek Prayas



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# Vision

A poverty free and just world where all children have equal opportunity and access to develop their full potential.

## From the Director . . .

Dear Friends and Well wishers,

I am happy to present before you the Annual Report of Kinderhilfswerk Society for the period 2014 – 15.

The year started on a sad note for us. Hans Jürgen Pechmann, founder and long term friend of KHW-India passed away. Those who knew him personally knew his love and passion for the work of KHW not only in India but all over the world. In him we had a friend, a mentor and occasionally a strict task master. He will truly be missed and certainly continue to inspire many across the world to strive for the well being and emancipation of the poor and downtrodden. Let us hope that his memory, vision and voice will continue to guide us all.

As I write, I am also deeply pained by the fact that one of our most valuable and committed colleagues Ajay Issachar continues to battle for his life. He is on the ventilator since July and his recovery and treatment remains frustratingly slow and unsure. Diagnosis G. B. Syndrome! We wait. We pray and we hope.

As usual, at the end of year we introspect and question whether we did our best! Where could we have done better! Has the journey been worth it! And as usual our work continues to frustrate us, amaze us and excite us. Undoubtedly lives have changed for the better. Certainly we could have done better. Surely, could we not have done more? And so, as usual our joys and anguish remain in equal measure.

When we look at some of our children who we have known as toddlers now in successful careers, married with families of their own, upwardly mobile... there is a sense of accomplishment and joy. It is indeed gratifying to see many of our girls, our priority, getting along well in their education, training and careers.

With a rapidly evolving socio-political, legislative and economic landscape, like other civil society groups, KHW-India needs to navigate through these uncertain times and redefine and possibly rediscover how it can continue to remain relevant, effective and a contributor to nation building.

Our work is possible because of the indispensable support and cooperation of so many, the donors, the communities we serve, our staff, friends, the local & national government, networks and our management. To all our deepest gratitude.

Sincerely,

Jaywant Pratap Singh



## Mission

The purpose of KHW-India is to engage in Appropriate, Sustainable, Child Sensitive Social Action to empower children and their communities towards developing their full God given potential by:

- Striving to be sensitive to the voice, wisdom and participation of the community in the development process.
- Striving for Universal Inclusive Quality — Education, Healthcare & Training of all children.
- Striving towards providing access to corrective surgery, rehabilitation, training and employment for the Differently Abled.
- Striving to provide timely, appropriate relief and rehabilitation to victims of natural disasters and conflicts.
- Striving towards Synergistic Partnerships with like minded organizations and individuals.

# Sponsorship Program

Almost 550 children, both boys and girls are benefitting from the KHW sponsorship program. Of these, 134 boys and girls are presently studying at Dehradun Public School Kandoli, a KHW run school. 115 boys and girls are studying at Shifa School, 12 students are at Serve and Share Academy, Tehri Garhwal. The rest of the children completing grades 11 & 12 from various schools or are pursuing higher education and or professional training.

The children covered under the sponsorship program depending upon the area or school / institution being attended are divided into various groups. Most children either go to DPS - Kandoli, Shifa School - Dehradun, or SASA Academy Tehri Garhwal. Children not attending these schools are under the Out Going Children or Higher Education & Training (HET) category.

Typically the sponsorship program focuses on helping the child get a good education preferably in the English medium. Support is mostly provided towards school fee and educational materials. In most cases family is encouraged to get involved depending on their capacity.

## CLASS 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> RESULT 2015

S.No.	NAME	PERCENTAGE %	S.No.	NAME	PERCENTAGE %
1	AMIT TOPWAL	65%	18	SMRITI KOLI	50%
2	ANJALI THAKUR	67%	19	VINAY RANA	60%
3	BHAWANA PANDEY	57%	20	SHALU DHIMAN	76%
4	HARISH KUMAR	63%	21	SHIKHA KUMARI	59%
5	JITENDER KUMAR	53%	22	PUSHPA NAGRAJ	48%
6	KARAN SELVARAJ	56%	23	MAHIMA KUMARI	63%
7	NANDINI GAUTAM	76%	24	POONAM RANI	44%
8	PAYAL PUNDIR	64%	25	AJAY KUMAR	75%
9	POORNIMA DAS	56%	26	ANKIT CHAUHAN	64%
10	PRABHU DEVA	62%	27	VIJAY SHAHI	68%
11	PURAN THAPA	64%	28	ARUN SHAHI	78%
12	REENU PRAJAPATI	56%	29	TABITA THAPA	83%
13	RIYA BISHT	77%	30	NEHA ALI	87%
14	SABINA THAPA	55%	31	VAISHALI THAPA	85%
15	SALMAN ALI	54%	32	VAISHALI MALL	66%
16	SAUHARD P. BHATOYE	54%	33	SONAL KUMARI PANWAR	57%
17	SHWETA RAI	83%	34	MEGHA RANI	75%





# SHIFA



# DEHRADUN PUBLIC SCHOOL



Shifa School located in a slum area in the heart of Dehradun city has been catering to the educational and developmental needs of the children of the rag picking community for the last 8 years. KHW India supports 115 of the 140 enrolled in this school. It is a challenge to motivate these children to come to school every day but including a lot of fun activities and using creative methods of teaching attracts these children to the school and on an average 100 out of 140 children attend school daily.



The Academic Year 2014-15 was an eventful year for Dehradun Public School. With strength of almost 500 students in classes pre-nursery to X, DPS ensures that every child, regardless of socio-economic or physical circumstances, has an equal opportunity to receive quality education and develop to their full God-given potential. A child friendly environment encourages children to enjoy their learning and motivates them to attend school regularly.

Academically, the students performed well in the Class X Board Exams this year, with the highest percentage being 83.4%, obtained by Atul Kumar, followed by 82.2% scored by Shweta Rai and 79.4% by Ishaan Ali. Of the 60 students in Class X this year, 56 had enrolled for the exams. Two students left mid-session and one student opted to repeat Class IX as he felt he was not ready to take the class X exams.

A few students did not find success in this year's examinations. However, they have been counselled by their teachers to continue pursuing studies and work harder for next year. We were deeply saddened to have lost one of our student, Shubham Chandola, in a tragic accident in which his house collapsed due to heavy rains and thunderstorm. Two of his siblings and father also died. Only the mother survived.

Neeraj & Amrawati Kumar have been closely associated with DPS as their sons, Rohit & Mohit have been studying in the school from Class 3 & 2 respectively. Neeraj has been fighting cancer for almost 12 years now. Till a few years back, he was employed as a security guard in a company and was regular at work. However, his condition is now deteriorating and he is no longer able to move around on his own. Both Rohit and Mohit's educational expenses are being taken care of through the KHW sponsorship program. The expenses of taking care of the needs of the family as well as the medical needs of her husband are a big burden on Amrawati's shoulders.

Rohit says, "Seeing the condition of my father and the pain and suffering that he is going through, it is very difficult for me to remain focused on my studies. I love to come to school as at least for some time my mind is away from the situation at home and I am able to concentrate on my studies. I know that I have to work hard and do well in order to get a good job and support my mother and younger brother." Rohit loves music and wants to learn to play the guitar and keyboard.





Mohit is more attached to his father and sometimes keeps awake throughout the night to take care of him when he cannot sleep due to immense pain. Mohit loves to play football and cricket. He also wants to study and do well so that he can support his family.

The family is extremely thankful to KHW for all the help and support that is being extended to them for the education of their sons as well as other needs of the family. Both Neeraj and his wife, Amrawati are also grateful to the Principal of DPS, Mrs. Dolly Francis, for her continued support, counsel and guidance to the family, especially for Rohit and Mohit. Neeraj knows that whatever the future may hold for him, his sons are in good care and will receive the best care and education through DPS.

Concern for the safety and well-being of children is at the core of KHW-INDIA's work, and it is essential, as part of this concern, that everyone recognises that all children are potentially at risk of abuse and exploitation. The protection of children from abuse is a priority area for KHW-INDIA and resources are committed to ensuring Dehradun Public School as a safe and child friendly school.

The Management has laid great emphasis on creating awareness and sensitizing its children and staff on child protection issues. In this regard, Manager Programs -KHW has been actively involved in conducting as well as facilitating external resource persons to arrange workshops, training sessions and video presentations on Child Rights and Child Protection. A Child Protection Policy, both in English and Hindi, has been developed, which has been read, understood and signed by the entire staff (teaching & non-teaching).

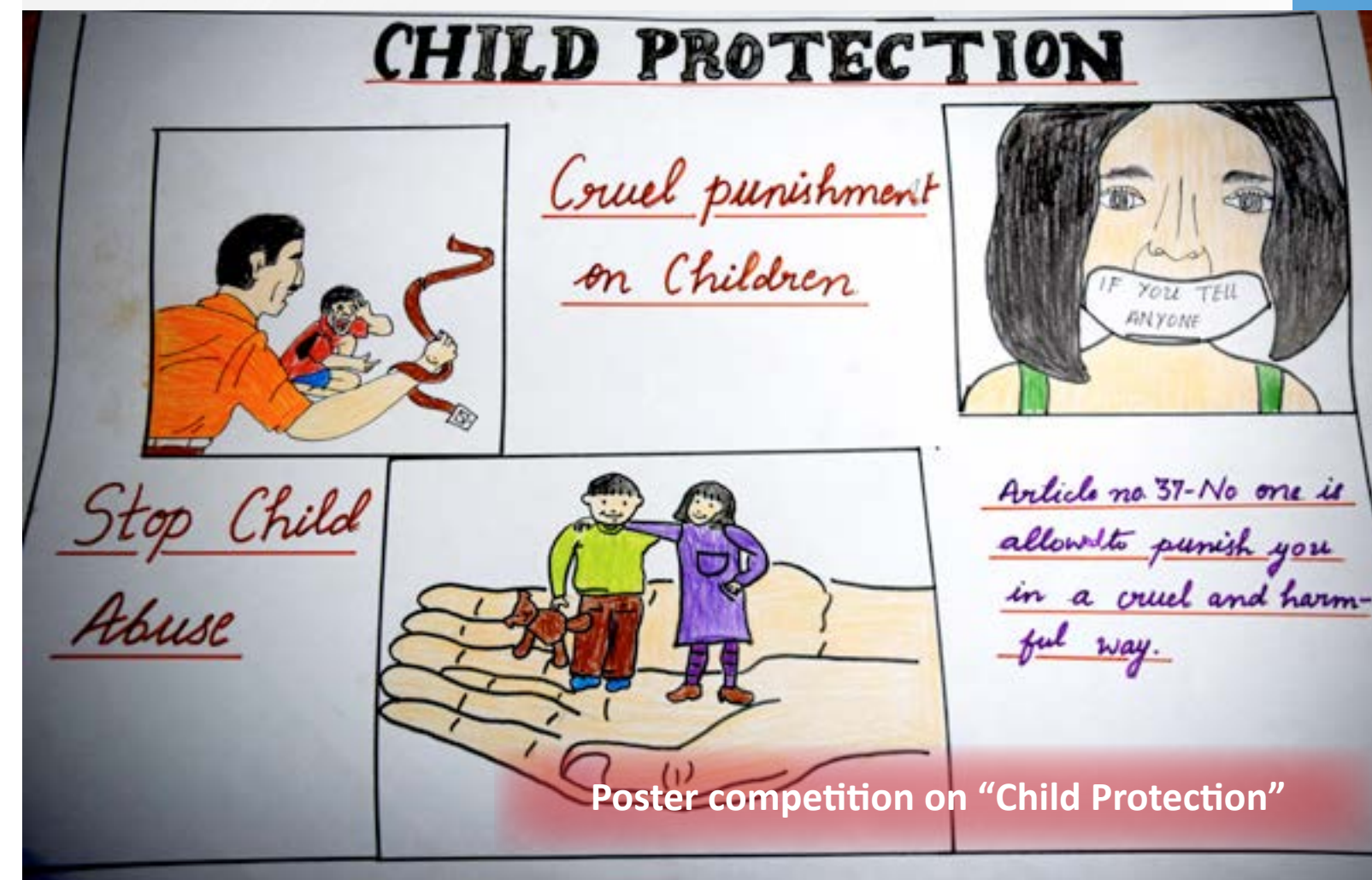
# PROTECTION

CHILD

The school has a designated Child Welfare Officer, who deals with children issues. Children are free to approach her at any time and share their problems. Right from Pre-Nursery to Class X, the children have been sensitized according to their level of understanding on the following issues:

- ✋ What is Child Abuse giving a brief statistics of child abuse in India
- ✋ Different types of abuse
- ✋ Signs of abuse
- ✋ Indicators of abuse
- ✋ How to report abuse
- ✋ Dos and Don'ts
- ✋ How to protect yourself from abuse
- ✋ Child Rights – UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children)
- ✋ Child Protection Policy

As an on-going procedure, this issue is reviewed with the children and staff periodically so that they continue to remain aware of the risks.



Poster competition on "Child Protection"



KHW management has always encouraged the professional development and competence of its staff in order to maintain good standards, systems and practices. In keeping with this, the staff at DPS had the opportunity to participate in a one year training and thereafter mentoring program, conducted by Robert & Ann Snowden, lead trainers with Institute of Training & Occupational Learning, UK. Topics covered included - curriculum development, creative teaching, lesson plan preparation, class management, behaviour, discipline and counselling. The training has helped the teachers to enhance their teaching style and create an interest for learning in the students. Ann Snowden was also instrumental in helping develop the early years (Class Pre-Nursery) section by making it more children friendly and attractive. The pre-nursery children love to come to school and are enjoying their classroom, which now has new furniture, activity corner and an LED screen with a lot of educational inputs. The Snowden's also took time to interact with each teacher on an individual basis helping them overcome their areas of weakness and further develop their areas of strength. We are indeed thankful to both Robert & Ann Snowden for their valuable contribution in this area.

Under the Higher Education & Training program (HET), almost 100 students are receiving financial assistance to pursue a Bachelors or a Master's degree in different fields such as Nursing, Law, Engineering, Pharmacy, Arts, Science, Commerce, Computer Science, etc. These students are extremely grateful to KHW for helping them pursue their dreams as they prepare themselves for a good career ahead, thereby bringing stability to the economic condition of their families. They are aware that if it were not for the HET program, their families would not have been able to assist them in higher studies.

Many children helped through this program are now leading productive and happy lives and supporting their families, siblings towards a better quality of life.

*As narrated to Ameeta Bahadur ...*

**Tabita  
Thapa**



I am very thankful to KHW family who has always supported me and my family. Since childhood, KHW has been supporting me for my studies and it is through their help and support that I have completed my schooling successfully. I always liked to study and wanted to achieve high goals. Considering the poor financial condition of my family, I knew that this would never have been possible. I want to be a successful person and make my family proud. I always worked hard and as a result, I secured 83.2% in my class X board exams and 82.6% in class XII. I have now received admission at Shri Rama Himalayan University to pursue a 4 year course in B.Sc. Nursing. Nursing is always considered a noble profession. Providing care and service to mankind is exactly the kind of profession I always admired and aspired for. In order to get admission in this course, I had to go through a very tough entrance exam and by God's grace; I was able to secure 12th rank in the State (Uttarakhand).

KHW has always supported, inspired and helped me to realize my dreams. Not just me but KHW has also been a support to my family at all times, especially during financial crisis. I am extremely thankful to KHW for their constant help and support. KHW has brightened the future of thousands of children around the globe and I consider myself to be lucky to be one of them.

I belong to a muslim family. The belief amongst the muslim community is that girls do not need to be educated as they are meant to take care of household chores, get married and take care of families. I am thankful to my parents that they did not place any restrictions on me and allowed me to study. Above this, I am extremely thankful to Mr. J. P. Singh, Director, Kinderhilfswerk India, for motivating me and helping me financially to pursue my studies. When I was just a toddler, I attended the play group at KHW. Then from Classes 3 to 10, I completed my schooling from Dehradun Public School, an institution of KHW India. Since DPS is presently only up till Class 10, I took admission in Scholars Home, to complete my 11th and 12th. By God's grace, I have completed my 12th from Science stream this year with 86.8%. Even though, I was studying at Scholars Home, KHW took complete responsibility of paying my fees and helping me to complete my education from there. I am very thankful to KHW for this. Now, I wish to pursue B.Sc. Nursing and I am looking at various options to proceed in this area. I can only take this step ahead as KHW will be helping me with my higher education as well. My dream of standing on my own feet and being a support to my family will not have been



**Neha  
Ali**

realized, had KHW not come forward to help and encourage me.

My father, Saadik Ali, is an ordinary labourer and my mother, Rani Ali, is a housewife. I have two brothers, Nihal and Sahil, studying in classes 10 & 9, respectively. Considering my family situation, I would definitely not have been able to pursue my studies, even higher education, if KHW had not helped me and my parents had not encouraged me.

The sponsorship, support, love and care provided by KHW has motivated me to move ahead in life. I know I will never be able to give back as much as they have given to me but the only thing that I can give is a grateful heart and hearty thanks from me and my family and an assurance that I will definitely become a successful person in the future and make a difference in society through my services.

Thank you, once again, to KHW and all who have contributed in my life and helped me thus far.

# Higher Education Training



*"a life of dignity & purpose for persons with disability"*

Nishi was born in a Muslim family in Mullingar (Mussoorie) 24 years ago. Her father, Mr. Eliyas, runs a small shop in Mullingar for a living. Nishi was born with a genetic abnormality which caused severe disability (Bilateral Genu Valgum along with Patellar Disposition to the lateral side). Her father was very worried about her as he could not afford the expensive treatment. Hence Nishi had to live with this disability all these years. Future concerns for her life and marriage weighed heavily over the family.



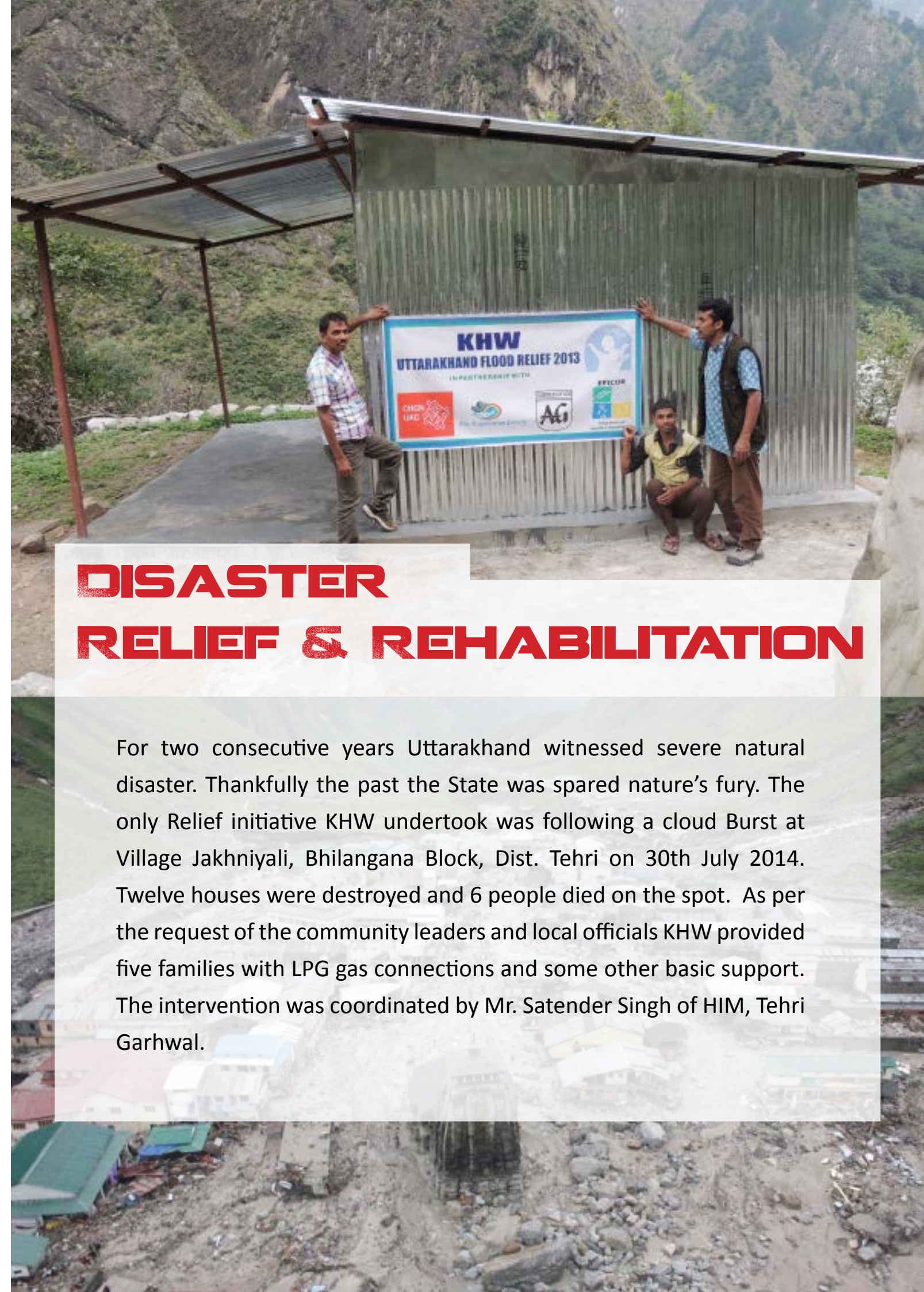
Through the Samvedna program for PWD's KHW in partnership with the Landour Community Hospital, Mussoorie, supported her surgical correction and on 30th December 2014, Dr. Alex performed corrective surgery on her right leg. On follow up visit after the surgery, Nishi and her father were overjoyed and had tears of joy rolling down their face because of the transformative intervention. They are thankful to one and all who have taken pains to bring their daughter's life back to normalcy. Corrective surgery on the left leg is yet to be performed.



KHW-India, in particular, acknowledges its partnership with the Uttarakhand Cluster of the Community Health Global Network (CHGN-UKC). This association has greatly optimized the work for Persons with Disability. The Director, Mr J. P. Singh, is an active member on the Cluster Disability Advisory Committee that plays a key role in reviewing, assessing and sanctioning various projects related to PWDs. KHW-India was also actively involved in the discussions regarding the implementation of the Rapid Assessment of Disability (RAD) Tool, a survey tool developed by the University of Melbourne, Australia and the implementation initiative taken up by CHGN-UKC along with PHFI, Hyderabad. This survey is a first of its kind and the tool was simultaneously implemented in Hyderabad and Dehradun.

We are happy to inform that the two programs, Samvedna Hope & Samvdna Jaunpur that KHW helped support last year are now being independently run and supported by the two organizations themselves. KHW is looking to help other network members develop a disability focus and is willing to commit resources towards the same.

The program also continues to support few PWD families and their children's care and education.



## DISASTER RELIEF & REHABILITATION

For two consecutive years Uttarakhand witnessed severe natural disaster. Thankfully the past the State was spared nature's fury. The only Relief initiative KHW undertook was following a cloud Burst at Village Jakhniyali, Bhilangana Block, Dist. Tehri on 30th July 2014. Twelve houses were destroyed and 6 people died on the spot. As per the request of the community leaders and local officials KHW provided five families with LPG gas connections and some other basic support. The intervention was coordinated by Mr. Satender Singh of HIM, Tehri Garhwal.



# DISABILITY INCLUSIVE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DiDRR)

This program attempts to build preparedness and resilience in disaster prone villages in Tehri Garhwal District. A total of 20 villages, 11 schools and 2 hospitals are proposed to be covered.

Trainings and activities cover the following:

- Introduction to disaster
- Disaster preparedness
- Disability inclusion
- How to rescue vulnerable groups during disaster
- First Aid training
- Evacuation plan and mitigation
- Village mapping, hazard mapping
- Protection during disaster
- Early Warning Systems
- Formation of Inclusive Village Disaster Management Committees



Under this activity, almost 345 students in 3 different schools, students of Govt. Inter College, 55 ANM/ASHA & AWW workers, Panchayat Pradhans, Gram Sabha, and the community members have been sensitized. 3 Volunteers from each school have been identified, who will receive training and will take on the responsibility of creating awareness in the community during disaster. They will play a key role in the village task force and rescue team. Each volunteer was given a whistle to be used as an early warning tool.

The Gram Sabha and Panchayat have also been encouraged to develop disabled friendly structures like pathways, toilets, ramps in schools and other public places and also the Panchayat Bhawan.

The Village Disaster Management Plan was revised during a follow up meeting held in the villages. Discussions were held with the Pradhan of each village with regard to the nomination of members of the VDMC (Village Disaster Management Committee), which should include People with disability. So far 12 villages have made a VDMC and prepared their disaster preparedness and contingency plans (VDMP). These have been submitted to the Block and District Disaster Management office. Revised VDMP with more specific provision for disabled friendly structures will be created for all the villages. The Project Personnel are regularly networking and are in liaison with the relevant government departments to ensure that the submitted plans are executed.

A comprehensive report on Village Disaster Management Plan in context of the hilly districts of Uttarakhand has also been submitted to the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri. Harish Rawat ji. The plan of Udiyana village of Jaunpur Block, Tehri Garhwal was been submitted as a model for entire Uttarakhand.

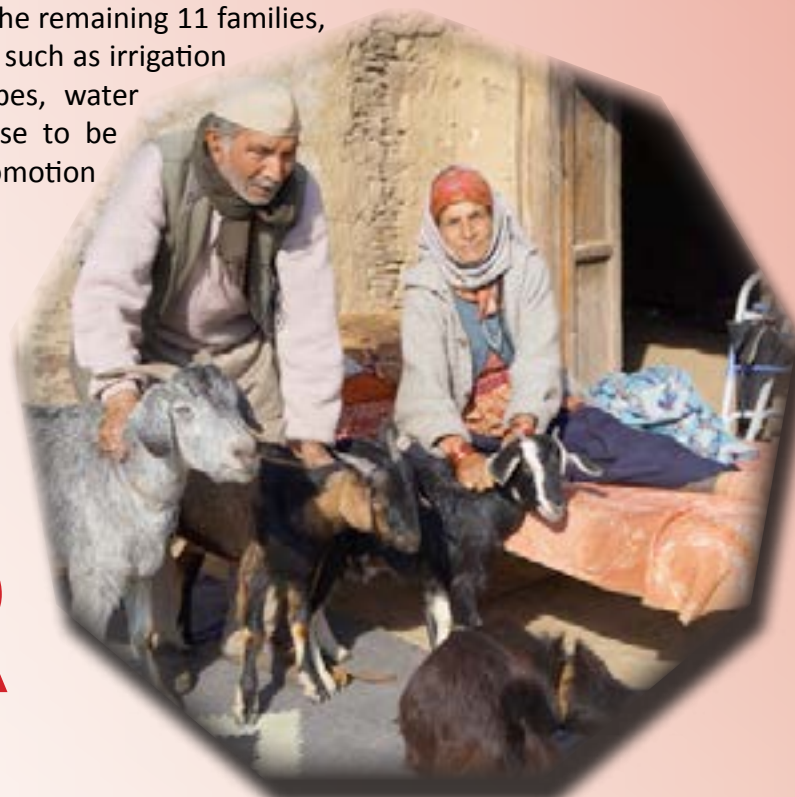


## Livelihood Project

In June 2013 large areas of the Jaunpur Block of Tehri Garhwal District were severely damaged by heavy rain, cloud bursts and resulting flash floods. Livelihoods were badly impacted due to loss of agricultural land and livestock. Road connectivity was lost for long time further compounding the people's misery and economic revival.

Following the disaster it was seen that the needs of vulnerable and marginalized members of the community especially the disabled and the aged were either not met or were inadequately addressed. KHW in partnership with Landour Community Hospital, Mussoorie, initiated a livelihood support program for 60 families with an intentional focus on ensuring support to Person's with disability. Support is largely being provided towards goat rearing and agriculture (poly houses / drip irrigation). It may be noted that this initiative was to further strengthen the existing work of Samvedna Janupur.

In the first phase of the program, a baseline survey was conducted and 49 families with PWDs were given 4 goats each. The distribution was conducted in 6 villages, namely, Satagad, Udiyana, Kimora, Jalsi, Chakpoth, and Sauri. Overall the livelihood program aims to cover 60 PWD families. 49 families have been covered in phase I. For the remaining 11 families, various livelihood options are being promoted, such as irrigation system including installation of irrigation pipes, water sprinklers and tanks, promotion of greenhouse to be owned and managed by the PWD families, promotion of Vermiculture, etc.



# DiDRR

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# Prayas

PRAYAS, which stands for 'Endeavour' in Hindi, presently has three programmes running at the Centre. They are

- Tuition classes for poor children,
- A tailoring centre for women
- An Adult Literacy class.

The most important of these is the tuition class, which currently has \_\_\_\_\_ children. The class is held in a slum area of Jakhan, Dehradun and there are at present two classes for the age group between 6 to 15 years old. Children are assisted with their homework. Besides this, there are times when other educational programmes are conducted to enhance not only academics but other aspects of the life of a child. Extra-curricular activities are also conducted for the children for an overall development. This year the children went for a picnic to a beautiful place called FUN VALLEY, nearly 25 km from the City of Dehradun. There were around 100 children as we

included other children apart from those attending the tuition class.

In the month of September about 18 of the children and some staff visited Malsi Forest near Old Mussoorie Road. The idea was not only to let the children walk in the forest but also to conduct a cleaning campaign. All the children very enthusiastically collected 16 bags of garbage and it was joy to see the whole trail clean and neat. The children not only collected the garbage with joy but have said that they would like to do this quite often. This project has been going on for more than six years and is supported by International Nepal Fellowship but by June 2016 the organisation will stop the support.

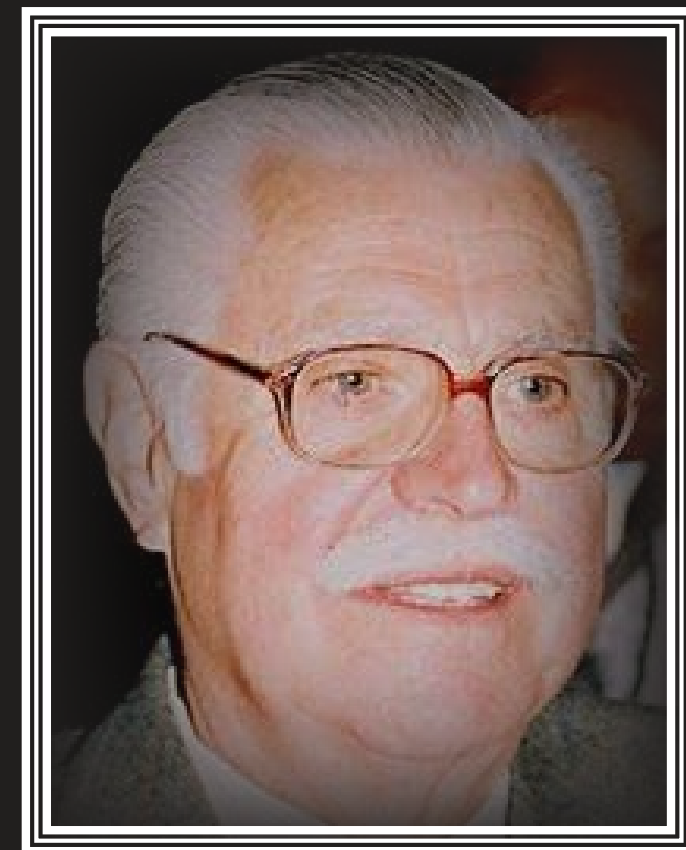
The Tailoring Centre and Adult Education Class are fairly newer projects and the numbers of those attending is still small. Nevertheless, interest is being created and new members are joining slowly.

## Prayas - Scholarship for students

A scholarship programme for higher studies has also been initiated, by supporting a couple, Rani and Sandeep Barma, who are from Nepal and are presently studying at Presbyterian Theological Seminary. They are being supported by IConnect International, USA and are very thankful for the help being given to them.



# Obituary



*Hans Jurgen Pechmann, fondly known as , "Papa Pechmann", Founding Member of KHW-India and KHW Germany was called to his heavenly home. Our hearts and prayers go out to the bereaved family.*

*Today, the legacy he helped create resonates in over 20 countries across four continents ensuring that thousands upon thousands of young children realize their full God given potential.*

*.... a life well lived ...*





Kinderhilfswerk Society (KHW-India) is an Indian childcare and development organization. It is a part of an international concern for children at risk and is committed to working towards a better world for children and their communities.

All activities of KHW-India are directed towards ensuring a better world for all children. We believe that all developmental activity has to be sensitive to, and must address the needs of all children.

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The children and their families are extremely thankful for the financial assistance that they receive due to which they are able to study in good educational institutions and can dare to dream of a bright future. This would never have been possible without the assistance.



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