

A REPORT ON NIRDHAN JAN SEWA CAMPS ORGANISED BY BHARATIYA VARISHTHA NAGARIK SAMITI BETWEEN 07.12.14 TO 13.02.15

Every year around ten Nirdhan Jan Sewa Camps are organized by Bharatiya Varishtha Nagarik Samiti (BHAVANA) in urban as well as in rural areas of Lucknow and adjoining districts wherein around 1000 new all wool blankets are distributed to pre-identified poorest of the poor families headed by senior citizens. In addition, around 2000 used but re-usable garments, bed-linen, utensils etc. are also distributed to the needy persons attending the camp.

BHAVANA has been organizing such camps in every winter for the last 10 years without fail. Summary of camps held during this winter is given below:

7th December, 2014: Swasthya Raksha Kendra, Lavkush Nagar, Lucknow in collaboration with BHAVANA's Institutional Member, Swasthya Evam Jadi Buti Vikas Sansthan. 100 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens, hailing from nearby slum localities of Lavkush Nagar, Pratap Nagar, Kukrail Dam, Samuddipur and Bastauli. One blanket was given to each of the 100 families selected. In addition, 200 old but re-usable garments were given to those slum-dwellers who were present in the camp but could not get blankets.

28th December, 2014 : Bakshikhera hamlet of village Gumsena, situated around 40 km. away from Lucknow in Mall Block of Tehsil Malihabad. 100 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens residing in this hamlet and other neighbouring hamlets. One blanket was given to each of the 100 families selected. In addition, 200 old but re-usable garments were given to those village dwellers who were present in the camp but could not get blankets.

18th January, 2015 : Amaniganj village, situated around 40 km. away from Lucknow in Bakshi ka Talab block, in collaboration with “Palash Grameen Varishtha Nagarik Kalyan Samiti, Bhagautipur”. 100 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens residing in revenue villages Bhagautipur, Bhatesua, Banauga, Amaniganj and Tilakpur including all their hamlets. One blanket was given to each of the 100 families selected. In addition, 300 old but

re-usable garments were given to those village dwellers who were present in the camp but could not get blankets.

29th January, 2015 : Chandrawal village, situated around 30 km. away from Lucknow in Sarojini Nagar block. 96 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens residing in main village and its hamlets – Qasimkhera, Saraiya, Kaithi, Sadullakhera, Goverdhankhera, Narkur and Laxmankhera. One blanket was given to each of the 96 families selected.

5th February, 2015 : Aramba village, situated around 40 km. away from Lucknow in Bakshi ka Talab block, in collaboration with “Palash Grameen Varishtha Nagarik Kalyan Samiti, Bhagautipur”. 104 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens residing in village Aramba and village Atesua along with their hamlets. One blanket was given to each of the 104 families selected. In addition, 200 old but re-usable garments were given to those village dwellers who were present in the camp but could not get blankets.

13th February, 2015 : Kathwara village, situated around 35 km. away from Lucknow in Bakshi ka Talab block, and in Bhauli village, situated around 30 km. away from Lucknow in the same Block. 100 new all wool blankets were distributed to pre-identified very poor families, headed by senior citizens residing in these villages and their hamlets.

Persons assembled in the camps were also given awareness lessons with practical demonstrations on the following issues which are very relevant for their wellness:

1. Simple tips for maintaining personal hygiene and health without medication.
2. Keeping the environment clean and healthy within and around one's own dwelling.
3. About various schemes of Central & State Governments already available for the welfare of poorest of the poor.

Some photographs of the events are there in the “photo Album” section of web of BHAVANA i e.—www.bhavanaindia.org.

BHAVANA's Nirdhan-jan Sewa Mission is totally funded by its own members and donors. BHAVANA's Mission has nothing to do with the blankets distribution programme of Government of U.P. or of any other organization.

BHAVANA solicits support from sensitive and caring persons for this noble mission. One all wool blanket costs about Rs.240.00. Clean used but re-usable garments (but not undergarments), bed-linen, utensils etc. are also welcome. Cash support may be given by account payee multicurrency cheque drawn in favour of "BHARATIYA VARISHTHA NAGARIK SAMITI" and sent to its office at 507, Kasmanda Apartments, 2, Park Road, Lucknow-226001, U.P., INDIA.

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