



# Annual Activity Report 2020-21

**SOCIAL EDUCATION VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION  
TRUST  
SEVA TRUST UK (INDIA)**

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## **OUR MISSION AND VISION**

Education – For the public benefit to promote the education of students from underprivileged communities in northern India and elsewhere in India in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including, but not limited to:

- (1) awarding to such persons scholarships, maintenance allowances or grants tenable at any university, college, school or institution of higher or further education;
- (2) providing coaching, mentoring to furtherance of that education, guidance for higher studies, oversees studies or for entry to any occupation, trade or profession on leaving any educational establishment.

Health & Wellbeing – For the public benefit to promote health & wellbeing among underprivileged communities in northern India and elsewhere in India including, but not limited to:

- (3) coordinating health awareness (including mental health) and yoga sessions;
- (4) arranging or assisting in organising health checks.

Environment - To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment among underprivileged communities, farmers and pollution affected areas in northern India and elsewhere in India in such ways as the charity trustees think fit, including, but not limited to:

- (5) coordinating sessions to raise awareness of ecological and environmental sustainability, local and global environmental issues and challenges;

arranging or assisting in environmental monitoring and sharing the findings with the local communities and the appropriate bodies; promoting eco-friendly and sustainable lifestyles including helping to explore renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.

## Main Activities:

### Education

#### **Donation of 40 Tabs to Students**

SEVA Trust UK provided an educational support package of Rs 6 Lakhs (around £6000) for IT equipment for 40 rural children from low-income disadvantaged families selected from 12 different villages in Pakhowal Block & one girl from a village near Jalandhar in Punjab (India).

All children were selected by the teaching & academic staff based on their family economic circumstances, family hardships and their academic track record.

All 40 children ( from very low-income families) received High Spec Samsung Galaxy Tablets 8.0 to help with their online learning. Due to Covid19 all study moved online and there children were unable to afford smart devices to study online.

The support package also included an educational grant of Rs One Lakh (around £1000) for Pakhowal and Barundi Govt Senior Secondary Schools (Rs 50, 000 each) to improve educational facilities for rural & disadvantaged children.

This project was lead our SEVA Trust UK team in collaboration with Zila Yuva Vikas Sanghathan (ZYVS) supported by local schools and teaching & academic professionals.

The function was held at Government Senior Secondary School, Pakhowal near Ludhiana on Saturday 09 January.

The chief guests, District Education Officer (DEO) Rajinder Kaur and Dr Pratiba Singh, a member of State Child Rights Protection Commission, Haryana and Naresh Mittal, Secretary ZYVS distributed the Tablets to 40 children.

#### **Donation of Smart Projectors**

SEVA TRUST UK donated 3 smart projectors to a rural Government



#### **Hindustan Times**

{ ONLINE CLASSES }

### **40 students of govt school get tablets**

#### **HT Correspondent**

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**LUDHIANA :** Social Education Voluntary Association (SEVA Trust UK) on Saturday provided free android tablets to 40 students of Government Senior Secondary School, Pakhowal, to assist them in their online education during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The SEVA Trust, in collaboration with Haryana-based NGO Zila Yuva Vikas Sanghathan (ZYVS), selected 40 students belonging to low-income families and gave them the tablets.

District education officer (DEO) Rajinder Kaur and Pratiba Singh, a member of State Child Rights Protection Commission, Haryana, and Naresh Mittal, secretary, ZYVS, were

the chief guests. They handed over the tablets to the children.

Kulwant Singh, a teacher and district coordinator for SEVA Trust, said, "We have selected 40 children from 12 villages around Pakhowal and one student from a village near Jalandhar, with the help of the school authorities. Over 90% of these children belong to SC and OBC categories and come from very low-income families, who are facing financial hardships. This support will help them with online learning."

SEVA Trust UK chairman Charan Kanwal Singh Sekhon joined the event from the UK via an audio link. He said "The key factor in selecting these students is the exceptionally challenging circumstances they are facing."





Senior Secondary School of village Barundi, Punjab (India).

This is part of our efforts to uplift education for rural and low income children and to support Government schools where majority of the children come from low income families. SEVA Trust plans to develop this school as a Model in Education.

### **Donation of CCTV Cameras to School**

SEVA Trust UK (India) delivered 16 CCTV cameras for Govt. Senior Secodary School PAKHOWAL in Dist. Ludhiana, Punjab.

These are donated by SEVA Trust UK (India) to help school to improve security and also meet smart school parameters.

Cameras were handed to school by SEVA Trust UK (India) Chairman Sh. Naresh Mittal along with SEVA Trust coordinators Baljinder Singh Grewal and Master Kulwant Singh.



### **Social**

SEVA Trust UK organised a large blood donation camp in collaboration with Shree Bala Ji Dham Haldri and local youth groups of Distt Ambala, Haryana, India. Nearly 141 people donated blood. The event was attended by large numbers of youth groups and reps from rural communities as well as many reps from voluntary groups working on social causes.

Sh. Manjit Singh Nijjar, Member High Powered Investment Committee, Senior Hon. NRI Co-ordinator Govt. of Punjab was Chief Guest in the Occasion along with Smt. Pratibha Singh Member Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Kajal, Head of Transgender Block Barara, Ambala.

We would like to thank all the donors, all the guests, the organising committee, the youth groups and all the sponsors for this wonderful team effort to donate blood and save lives.

## Environment

The project we initiated in the last year to setup the first solar powered plant at a Govt. rural primary school in the state of Punjab (India), lead the way for sustainable energy usage by educational establishments where schools cannot afford to pay for electricity and where schools are located in rural areas where children from the poorest families send their children. The 3KV solar plant is generating pollution free electricity resulting in a saving of Rs.7200 per year.

From: Centre Head Teacher, Government Primary SchoolRef: CHT/BS/SEVA01  
Village Barundi, Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab (India) 141205 Date: 21/12/2020

Charan Sekhon  
Chairman  
SEVA Trust UK

Dear Mr Sekhon

On behalf of our school, I would like to thank SEVA Trust UK for installing Solar Power Plant (roof top panels) last year.

Our school was the first Govt. Primary School in the state of Punjab to go on solar power. This solar system came with 5 years full maintenance warranty and 25 years warranty for solar panels. This offered us a complete piece of mind and it is generating pollution-free electricity.

Since it was commissioned on 25-05-2019, we did not need to pay any electricity bills. Not only it is now meeting all our electricity needs, we are feeding excess units back into the national grid. On average, it has saved the school Rs 600 per month (Rs 7200 per year).

This is a great example of how modern technology can help a small rural school like ours where the majority of children come from very low income families. Since this solar project started, we had no worries about our electricity bills and the same funds have been used to support educational needs for the children.

We would like to thank SEVA Trust UK for this great initiative. We also would like to thank SEVA Trust for the donation for our welfare fund last year and for providing educational kits for children who took top 3 positions in each class.

We very much hope SEVA Trust UK will continue to support us and other rural schools and children for future years.

Once again thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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## Partnerships Forged

- Strive 2 thrive Edu USA
- Enlight Life Kids in need Canada
- Shree Balaji Dham Trust, Haldri





# लुधियाना भास्कर

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## मंडे पॉजिटिव गरीब परिवारों के छात्रों की मदद को हरियाणा और पंजाब की एनआरआई संस्थाओं ने पक्खोवाल में शुरू किया प्रोजेक्ट कोरोना काल में ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई पर बढ़ा फोकस तो सरकारी स्कूल के 40 बच्चों को बांटे टैब

लुधियाना। कोरोना के बाद से ऑनलाइन शिक्षा पर बढ़ाये जा रहे फोकस में कम आय वाले परिवारों से आ रहे छात्रों की मदद के लिए हरियाणा और पंजाब की एनआरआई संस्था ने लुधियाना के नजदीक पक्खोवाल गांव में एक प्रोजेक्ट की शुरुआत की है। इस प्रोजेक्ट के तहत सेवा ट्रस्ट यूके और हरियाणा स्थित गैर सरकारी जिला युवा विकास संगठन ने मिलकर 6 लाख रुपये के खर्च से पक्खोवाल गांव के दो सरकारी स्कूलों को चुने गए 40 बच्चों को टैब्स प्रदान किए हैं। इस संयुक्त कार्यक्रम के तहत शनिवार को लुधियाना के पास सरकारी सीनियर सेकेंडरी स्कूल, पक्खोवाल में एक कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। डिस्ट्रिक्ट एजुकेशन ऑफिसर राजेंद्र कौर, राज्य बाल अधिकार संरक्षण आयोग

यूके की टीम से चर्चा करने के बाद संस्था ने पक्खोवाल के आसपास के 12 गांवों के छात्रों का किया चयन

सेवा ट्रस्ट यूके के स्टेट को-ऑर्डिनेटर बलजिंदर सिंह ग्रेवाल ने बताया की स्कूल और शिक्षकों को मदद से उन्होंने पक्खोवाल के आसपास के 12 गांवों के 40 बच्चों और जालंधर के पास के एक गांव के एक छात्र का चयन किया है। 90% से अधिक बच्चे बहुत कम आय वाले परिवारों से हैं जो आर्थिक तंगी का सामना कर रहे हैं। इससे उन्हें ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई करने में सुविधा मिलेगी। ग्रेवाल ने बताया की कोरोना के कारण शैक्षणिक संस्थानों ने ऑनलाइन कक्षाएं शुरू की। कम आय वाले परिवारों के बच्चे बुरी तरह प्रभावित हुए क्योंकि वे ऑनलाइन सीखने के लिए आवश्यक आर्टी उपकरण खरीदने का खर्च नहीं उठा सकते थे। उन्होंने अपनी यूके टीम के साथ इस प्रतिक्रिया को साझा किया और अध्यक्ष चरण कंवल सिंह सेखों ने हरियाणा के जिला युवा विकास संगठन के साथ एक संयुक्त परियोजना



स्कूल के लिए सोलर बिजली और अन्य प्रोजेक्ट भी चला रही संस्थाएं

चरण कंवल सिंह सेखों ने बताया के 2016 से पंजाब में काम कर रहे हैं और पक्खोवाल ब्लॉक के कई गांवों में 500 से अधिक बच्चों का समर्थन करते हैं। बरंडी स्कूल के लिए एक सौर ऊर्जा सेंटर भी स्थापित किया, जो सौर ऊर्जा पर चलने वाला पंजाब राज्य का पहला सरकारी प्राथमिक विद्यालय था। सभी सेवा ट्रस्ट टीम के सदस्य अवैतनिक स्वयंसेवक हैं जो समुदायों को सर्वोत्तम तरीके से सेवा देने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। हम भव्य कार्यों या वीआईपी समारोहों में एक भी रुपया बर्बाद नहीं करना चाहते हैं, हर रुपया बच्चों के मदद के लिए जाता है। उन्होंने बताया की इसके अलावा भी वे एक लाख रुपये और पक्खोवाल और बरंडी स्कूलों को दान कर रहे हैं। दोनों को

## 40 students given tablets to equip them for online edu

Mehak Jain | TNN

Ludhiana: Forty students from low-income families have been given tablets in an event held at Government Senior Secondary School in Pakhowal on Saturday where. The students were supported by a joint project by UK-based Social Education Voluntary Association (Seva) Trust and Haryana-based NGO Zila Yuva Vikas Sangathan (ZYVS).

Kulwant Singh, a local teacher and district coordinator for Seva Trust said, "With the help of school and teachers, we have selected 40 students from Sikh, Hindu and Muslim backgrounds from 12 villages around Pakhowal and one student from a village near Jalandhar. Over 90% of the students are from scheduled and backward castes whose families' income is very low and are facing financial hardships. This is an endea-

online learning."

Baljinder Singh Grewal, coordinator of Seva, said "Since the educational institutions started online classes due to coronavirus, students from low-income families were badly impacted. They were not able to afford to buy the needed IT equipment for online learning. We consulted teaching staff, students and parents from the rural communities. Their feedback suggested they need reasonable sized smart devices in order to gain full benefit of online learning. We shared this feedback with our UK team and our chairman Charan Kanwal Singh Sekhon, who in turn led this initiative to set up a joint project with ZYVS, which has delivered many successful projects in Haryana for the rural children. These are Wi-Fi and mobile sim enabled high specification Samsung tabs that will meet all online learning needs. We have ma-



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ned up and will continue to support children from needy communities."

Grewal said Seva has been working in Punjab since 2016 and supported over 500 children in many villages of Pakhowal Block. "We also installed a solar power plant at Barundi school, which

was the first government primary school in Punjab state to go on solar. This is now meeting all electric needs for the school. The Seva Trust team members are unpaid volunteers trying to serve the communities in the best possible way. We do not wish to waste a single rupee on la-

vish functions or VIP gatherings, every rupee goes to help the needy children. I am truly proud to be part of this noble cause," he added.

Chairman Sekhon said, "We have been supporting disadvantaged children from the rural communities for few years. The key factor

in selecting these students is their exceptionally challenging family circumstances. We have already spent over Rs 10 lakh on educational grants. Seva Trust has contributed around Rs 6 lakh for this project. We are donating further Rs 1 lakh to Pakhowal and Barundi schools both getting Rs 50,000 each."

District education officer (DEO) Rajinder Kaur said "The education department has taken many initiatives to support online learning and there is an excellent talent in rural schools kids and the additional support of this nature helps them enormously. I wanted to thank Seva Trust for supporting government schools."

Jashanpreet Kaur and Inderpreet Kaur, both students of Class 12 at Pakhowal school said, "Rural students were at a disadvantage when it came to online learning. Now the tablets will bridge that gap somewhat and help us with our studies."

Design: Sharmila Gouthino



लुधियाना भास्कर 20-04-2021

## बरंडी के सरकारी स्कूल को 3 स्मार्ट वलास प्रोजेक्टर दिए प्रदान



लुधियाना। सेवा ट्रस्ट यूके की ओर से सरकारी प्राथमिक स्कूल बरंडी में नया सौर ऊर्जा सेंटर स्थापित किया है। इससे बिजली की लागत बचाने में मदद मिलेगी। ऐसी पहल करने वाला ये पंजाब का ये पहला स्कूल है। सेवा ट्रस्ट यूके (भारत) के अध्यक्ष नरेश मित्तल ने बताया कि सेवा ट्रस्ट का मुख्य उद्देश्य निम्न आय वाले परिवारों के छात्रों का समर्थन करना है, जो अपने शैक्षणिक लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं, हम इन छात्रों को मुफ्त ऑनलाइन ट्यूशन और कैरियर मार्गदर्शन प्रदान करने के लिए एक अनूठी परियोजना पर भी काम कर रहे हैं। हम इस परियोजना को जल्द ही पंजाब और हरियाणा राज्यों को कवर किया जाएगा। प्रिंसिपल परमजीत कौर ने सरकारी स्कूलों और ग्रामीण छात्रों का समर्थन करने के लिए सेवा ट्रस्ट को धन्यवाद दिया। इस मौके पर सेवा ट्रस्ट के समन्वयक बलजिंदर सिंह ग्रेवाल और कुलवंत सिंह बरंडी, ट्रस्ट के युवा कार्यकर्ता गुरदीप सिंह पन्नू, रिटायर्ड हेडमास्टर नरिंदर सिंह सेखों और सभी स्कूल स्टाफ सदस्य भी मौजूद थे।



बरंडी स्कूल में नए प्लासमैट बॉर्ड पर स्मार्ट वलास प्रोजेक्टर डेट बरंडे रोड सेवा ट्रस्ट यू.के. के चेयरमैन सी नरेश मित्तल, बलजिंदर सिंह ग्रेवाल के डेट।

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