



## “SAMAJ PRAGATI SAHAYOG NIDHI”

appeal for support

“I sought my soul,  
But my soul I could not see.  
I sought my God,  
But my God eluded me.  
I sought my brother,  
And I found all three.”

Great men undertake work of gigantic proportions, inspired by the call of their inner voice. Their pure consciousness makes them do deeds beyond the capacity of ordinary mortals. **Late Baba Amte** was one such extraordinary man, whose life and work can be rightly summed up in these lines written by William Blake.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011, **Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora (MSS)** completed **62 years** of its existence. Founded way back in 1949, the organization had a very humble beginning. Baba Amte and his wife **Sadhanatai**, with six leprosy patients, a lame cow, a capital of Rs. Fourteen and an unrelenting optimism, set about carving a home for people afflicted with leprosy on a barren piece of land which was aptly named ‘Anandwan’ (Forest of Bliss). In the last 6 decades, about **2.3 million marginalized souls** have benefited from various activities run by MSS.

Starting with the objective of treating, training and rehabilitating socially outcast leprosy patients, MSS today shelters over **2100** differently abled people consisting of leprosy patients, children with disabilities like hearing and speech impaired, visually challenged, orthopedically challenged, orphans, Senior citizens and socioeconomically backward people like primitive tribals. All the inmates are provided with primary and secondary healthcare facilities, housing, food, clothing, education and vocational skills to help them regain their self-esteem and lead a dignified life not only for self but also for society at large.

Over the last 62 years, the expenses associated with treatment, training and rehabilitation of the above population have been met through income generated by various in-house production units, agriculture produce and the contributions from well-wishers. However, today, despite all our efforts to make this population self-reliant, high inflation, irregular rain fall, aging population and insufficient government grants have created a severe financial crunch on the organization putting its existence itself at stake. The grant received from Maharashtra Government is mere **Rs. 15 per person per day** that too only for **1200** rehabilitated leprosy patients. In today's inflationary price environment, with such a meager amount, it is next to impossible to fulfill even the basic daily food needs of an individual, forget about providing medical treatment, clothing, education, housing, etc. Moreover, there are additional **964** leprosy patients and people with other disabilities who are not covered under any government grant. Furthermore there is an ever increasing inflow of marginalized people from various corners of the country who want to seek solace at MSS. This puts tremendous pressure on the infrastructure and already overstretched resources of MSS resulting in many developmental programs and expansion activities finding a backseat.





In order to bring a perpetual stability to the current activities of MSS, we strive to create a Constructive Corpus Fund of **USD 12.22 Million (INR 55 Crores)**. The interest receivable from this fund titled “**Samaj Pragati Sahyog Nidhi**” will help MSS to meet its recurring expenses and also expand the reach of its activities across a much larger cross section of the society. Example – MSS will be able to carry out free cataract operation for 9000 needy people instead of the current 1500 per year; more than 1200 below poverty line farmers instead of current 100 will stand to benefit from various land and watershed development programs; Vocational training centres will be able to enroll 5 times more number of unemployed youth every year from the present 100 per year, etc.

All these years MSS has been able to sustain the social cause relentlessly with the enthusiastic support of millions of its well-wishers. The trust bestowed by masses has always been a source of inspiration for us. We believe, if each individual comes forward and contributes even 1% of his wealth for the corpus fund, the target becomes very much realistic and easily achievable. Say, if **10,000 people** contribute **USD 1222 (INR 55,000)** each, the target will be achieved in just a single day.

We hereby appeal to you to come forward and wholeheartedly help MSS to regain its financial health. Baba Amte always said, *‘The greatest joy comes in life when you invest in others’*. We assure you that your investment on thousands of marginalized souls will always yield the best social returns. **Non-Resident Indian donors, contributing to this fund from their Indian Income will get 100% exemption from Income Tax u/s 35AC / 80GGA(2)(b)(b) and 50% exemption u/s 80G.**

You are most welcome to visit Anandwan, our ‘Paradise of, for & by the Underprivileged’.

(Dr. Vikas Amte)

Secretary & Medical Superintendent  
Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora

May we hereby also request you to kindly draw cheques/demand drafts in favour of “MAHAROGI SEWA SAMITI, WARORA” and post the same to the following address. Please make sure to kindly give us your FULL NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS, EMAIL ID & PAN (Permanent Account Number)\* to ensure that the receipt from our side is drawn & sent properly.

✉ Secretary, Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora  
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\* *Needed only for Contributions from Indian Income*

You are also requested to drop us a mail or send an SMS giving details of your contribution along with your FULL NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS.

**Online Contribution Details (STRICTLY for Donors who wish to contribute from their Overseas Income):**

Beneficiary Name: Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora  
Beneficiary Address: At-Post: Anandwan, Tahsil: Warora,  
District: Chandrapur, Maharashtra  
State, (India), Pin: 442 914  
Beneficiary Bank Account Number:  
048010100301343  
Beneficiary Account Name:  
Maharogi Sewa Samiti, Warora  
Beneficiary Bank Name:  
Axis Bank Limited  
Beneficiary Bank Address:  
M. G. House, Rabindranath Tagore  
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Please note that receipt of your contribution will be dispatched to your given address within a month. We will be sharing with you information about various activities undertaken by MSS from time to time.

**Website URL:** <http://www.anandwan.in>

