

ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020







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Foreword

There is a great and very important Sloka of Bhagavad Gita in Sanskrit reads as

yatra yogeshvarah krishno yatra partho dhanur-dharah tatra shrir vijayo bhutir nitir matir mama

which means -

"To move on the ladder of success with morality, opulence, victory and empowerment (MOVE), we need to believe that Lord Krishna and Arjun are with us".

Bhagavad Gita provides numerous cues for **good governance**, leadership, dutifulness and self-realization which are re-interpreted in the modern era.

'Governance' is the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented). Governance can be used in several contexts such as governance, international governance, national governance and local governance.

In the 1992 report entitled "Governance and Development", the World Bank set out its definition of **Good Governance**. It defined **Good Governance** as "the manner in which power is exercised in the management of a country's economic and social resources for development".

Good Governance has 8 major characteristics. It is participatory, consensusoriented, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient, equitable and inclusive and follows the rule of law. It assures that corruption is minimized, the views of minorities are taken into account and that the voices of the most vulnerable in society are heard in decision-making. It is also responsive to the present and future needs of society.

People should be able to voice their own opinions through legitimate immediate organizations or representatives. This includes men and women, vulnerable sections of society, backward classes, minorities, etc. Participation also implies freedom of association and expression

AGAM has been started to address these issues and bring a positive change in the society by accepting all these challenges. AGAM envisioned to be the hallmark of **Good Governance** in India.

About AGAM: An Initiative for Good Governance

AGAM is a non-governmental organization registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860, purely run and managed by volunteers. The prime objective of AGAM is to raise the level of governance in the area of but not limited to Education, Health, Environmental Protection, Rural Development, Law and Justice etc.

AGAM, as a centre to promote **Good Governance**, finds its genesis in the premise that the government needs the support of the civil society to effectively implement developmental schemes and achieve the goals of **Good Governance** holistically.

Vision

The vision of AGAM is to be the hallmark of Good Governance in India.

Mission

The mission of AGAM are as follows -:

- To reach out to the last individual of civil society and include the same in reaping from the fruits of development.
- To make people aware of their citizenry rights and encourage them to use those rights when and wherever required.
- To be the support system of government in creating a multiplier effect in the outreach of its activities;
- To undertake independent and complementary action voluntarily or on demand to achieve inclusive development;
- To capacitate the needy through education and healthcare with the aim of building a motivated, strong, confident, and independent populace; and
- To enable the interface between various components to foster goals of nation building by promoting **good governance** nationally.

List of Abbreviation

❖ BPL: - Below Poverty Line

* cso: - Civil Society Organisation

* RTE: - Right To Education

RTI: - Right To Information

* RTS: - Right To Service

❖ GSSK: - Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra

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Organisation Information

Name: -

AGAM: An Initiative for Good Governance

Legal Status: -

AGAM was established in 2014. It is registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860 and has working areas all over India.

Registered Office: -

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Auditor: -

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Letter from the President

Agam is not just an organisation for us. It is a way of expressing our gratitude to the society that has given us so much love and respect. We have always felt that it is our duty to give back to society. While setting up the organisation we met a lot of people who shared our vision for an ideal society and wanted to bring about real positive change.

We are glad that these people are now part of our team and they treat this organisation as their own. They are proactive people with great will and an unparalleled dedication towards society sharing our responsibilities and working for the betterment of our society. Without their support, we wouldn't have been successful in changing so many lives.

We are proud of the fact that today Agam organisation is not just ensuring education for the underprivileged but it is also empowering many young lives. Our organisation is enabling women to support their families and is ensuring that there are proper sanitation facilities for every individual.

We have been able to provide healthcare to the underprivileged and take care of our elders and differently abled. We have achieved a lot till date, but our mission will not be complete till the time we see all faces around us smiling and ensure that nobody loses the courage to fight the adversities of life.

Best Wishes,
Dr. JL Mishra
President

AGAM Centre

Village - Babhniyawan; District - Bahraich, UP

Village - Darjipurwan; District - Bahraich, UP

Village - Keshwapur Pajawa, District - Shravasti, UP

Our Hallmark
Project
(Gramodaya)

Small Efforts with Big Impact – Our Hallmark Project:

The villages in India are home to 830 million people, comprising 70% of India's population. This reveals the vast human capital of India residing in villages. The importance of this resource is further strengthened by the fact that India is an agrarian economy. India's villages also house exceptional resources in terms of tangible and intangible property such as traditional knowledge, handicrafts, handlooms etc.



Rural India didn't receive its due attention in the years following independence. However the beginning of this millennium has seen substantial change on this front. In the past few years, the government has laid special emphasis on the development of the rural areas alongside urban development and industrial growth. The inclusion of villages in the development process will have multifold impact such as inclusive development, increase in farmer's welfare and income, support to secondary industries etc. The governmental efforts are bearing results but there exists a mismatch between the schemes and their intended outreach. The project **Gramodaya** bears in mind this fundamental concern which needs immediate attention to bridge the gap between governmental schemes and the

target audience. AGAM as an organisation is involved primarily in facilitating an increase in the outreach of government schemes to the marginalised.

Hallmark Project - Gramodaya



The project **Gramodaya** is one of the tools to foster this end. **The Gramodaya** project uses a bottom-up approach, whereby the children are the agents of change. We have established **Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra** (**GSSK**) for the purpose of educating the children. The **GSSKs** serves as a centre of transformation assisting in providing quality education in subjects such as English, Mathematics, and Computer Science through technological intervention to necessary children.

Each such *Kendra* is being assisted by a **Gram Mitra** who is the first person of contact. The **Gram Mitra** not only educate the students enrolled with the centre but also involved in administrative tasks such as assessing the needs of the *Kendra*, identifying the needs of students, celebrating special days related to Environment, Governance, Independence Day etc., organising events (where and if necessary) for the parents of the students etc.





One of the crucial elements of the **Gramodaya** project is technological intervention in the field of **Good Governance**. This is being used foremostly in maintaining transparency in the structure and functioning of the **Gramodaya** project followed by imparting digital literacy to the students and other interested stakeholders at our **Computer Center**.

Hallmark Project - Gramodaya

Further, we organise awareness camps on a regular basis not only to make them aware of their citizenry rights but also to inform them about social welfare schemes sponsored by the State and Central Government.

We also organise health camps in villages on a regular basis with an aim not just to provide health services but to create an environment where the whole community gets sensitized about health issues.





Recently, we also took a few other initiatives one of them being to educate the local farmers about organic farming and its benefits which has gained popularity among the community, the other being women empowerment program stressing upon training on operating sewing machines, embroidery, arts, and designing skills as well as tailoring that can assist in their livelihood.

Currently, **Gramodaya** project is being implemented in three villages namely *Babhniyawan*, *Darjipurwan*, in Bahraich district and *Keshwapur Pajawa* in Shravasti district of Uttar Pradesh and we are persistently looking to serve other villages across India under the project.



List of Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSK)

- 1.) Babhniyawan, Bahraich
- 2.) Darjipurwan, Bahraich
- 3.) Keshwapur Pajawa, Shravasti

Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSKs) -

1.) Babhniyawan, Bahraich

It is situated 40 kms away from **Bahraich**, which is both district and sub district headquarters of **Babhniyawan** village. The transport connectivity up to the village is not good. The government bus facility is available only up to **Payagpur** which is about 16 km away from the village. From there people have to have their own vehicle to reach the village. The other way one has to reach Bilaruwa **More** through local tempo/taxi and from there the village is about 3 kms away that has to be covered by bicycle/own vehicles/on foot.

According to the 2011 census of India, Babhniyawan's population is 3450 out of which 1893 people are illiterate which amounts for 54% - the darkest part of the village. Most of the villagers are farmers and totally dependent on their farm products for daily livelihoods.

In the village there is a school facility available only up to class 8 (that too only one primary govt. school till class 5 and one govt. high school till class 8). If one wants to study beyond he/she has to travel at least 15 kms (to and fro) to go to secondary school.



Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSKs) -

2.) Darjipurwan, Bahraich

Darjipurwan, is a village about one and a half kms from Babhniyawan. The conditions are almost similar. The literacy is below the national average. The majority of the population are Muslims and are dependent on agriculture. A major percentage of male population migrate to Saudi Arabia for livelihood as labourer, helper etc. The girls are married at an early age as conventionally they are considered to do household works only and education is not considered essential for them. In the village rarely any boy of age more than 15 has continued his studies mostly because they help their family by earning some money by doing some job in some near about city. In the village there is only one primary government school and one Urdu School. Some of the little faces who attend Urdu school don't know how to write their names in hindi/english, they lag behind others who goes to primary school in terms of modern education. The situation is worse for girls. Girls left study even at an early age mainly because of her marriage or traditional reason of not giving much importance to education for girls.





Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSKs) -

Our Impact -

We opened our Gram Shiksha and Suchna Kendra (GSSK) about two years ago in the village. By our continuous counselling of parents and villagers in Parent-Teacher Meeting people are becoming more aware about the importance of modern education in current era. They are now eager to send their ward to our Kendra as well as to secondary schools. Some of the students even started preparing for competitive examinations like Navodaya,NTSE etc. This year one of our students,Ashfaq, got 84 % in his final term exam. He is a new addition to our batch of students preparing for Navodaya entrance exam.





3.) Keshwapur Pajawa, Shravasti

Keshwapur Pajawa village is located in Ikauna Tehsil of Shravasti district in Uttar Pradesh, India. It is situated 33 km away from sub-district headquearter Ikauna and 25 away from district headquarter Bhinga. Keshwapur Pajawa village is also a gram panchayat. The total geographical area of the village is 450.66 hectares.

Keshwapur Pajawa has a total population of 2,501 people. There are about 425 houses in Keshwapur Pajawa village. Bahraich is the nearest town to Keshwapur Pajawa which id approximately 22 km away.

In the month of October 2019 when we were organising "Cluster Gram Sansad" in collaboration with "Teesari Sarkar Abhiyan", one of friends of our Centre Coordinator at Bahraich approached us and showed interest in organising the

same in his village and thereafter we opened our Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra there.

Till March 2020, when the nationwide lockdown was announced the centre ran for almost 5 months and there has been a good response both from villagers and the students studying there.





Programmes / Events During The Year 2019-2020

List of Programmes / Events (2019-202)

A visit of our Project Coordinator from Delhi Office to Villages "Babhniyawan", "Tilkhawan" & "Darjipurwan" in UP (April 2019)







April 2019 Our Project Coordinator from Delhi office, Shri Pramod Kumar visited centre 1 & 2 of Bahraich. He stayed in the village for the next 6 days. Training of volunteers, assessment of present intervention with kids and adults of the village including those who live in nearby villages as well was the key agenda item of this visit.

He interacted with the "Gram Mitra" Shri Sandeep Mishra, Shri Neeraj Kumar, Shri Anurag Mishra and other local volunteers working on the ground level, students studying at our center, inquired about their progress report, interacted with students who left center (Shiksha Kendra). The Sewing Machine Center is home to no. of girls who left their study at an early age. He interacted with the senior girls and inspired them to utilize the time at Sewing Machine Center and at least learn how to read and write. The most exciting day for students at our center was Saturday as students got a chance to see educational videos on the projector. The Computer Center has a projector and high speed internet connection providing digital education to all students.

Shri Pramod Kumar also interacted with villagers to know about their domestic products that can be produced at mass level giving them employment as well as the respect they lost for their indigenous "technical" knowledge they process. We were very much hopeful to proceed and get succeeded in this direction.

At our AGAM Sewing Machine Center at Babhniyawan village in Bahraich district in UP (April 2019)

Girls have been given new clothes for the very first time since the starting of the classes. Till now they have just practiced over newspapers and learnt to stitch basic things from those papers.

Now one step further in their learning process, they have started practising and stitching basic things of clothes. In fact, they have made a bag – jhola – as they call it, from the white cloth given!!!

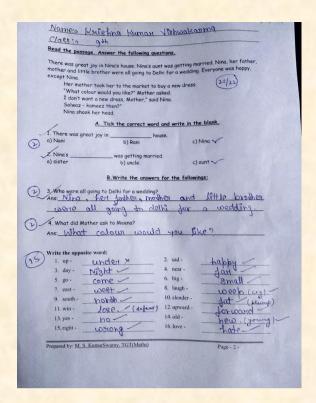


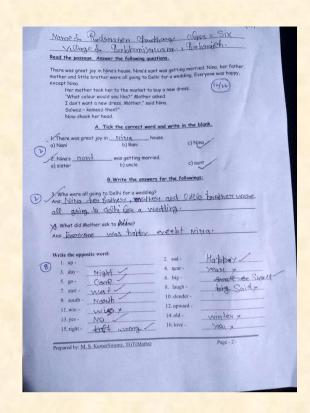


At our AGAM Babhniyawan Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSK) (June 2019)

A preliminary English proficiency test has been conducted to test students' efficiency in English. The test includes a total of 14 students ranging from class 3 to class 9.

Further, according to their performance in the test three groups will be formed and they will be provided with special English classes according to their present efficiency and skills.





World Environment Day Celebration (June 2019)

On the occasion of World Environment Day, we have organised an Essay Writing and Painting Competition among the children at our Gram Shiksha Kendra at Babhniyawan village in Bahraich district in UP.

Children have been informed about the importance of this day, major challenges our earth is facing and most importantly about this year's theme "Air Pollution".





Training for Organic Farming (June 2019)

In the village Babhniyawan in Bahraich district in UP, where we run our Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSK), farmers have been given an initial training and exposure to Organic Farming, it's benefits both for themselves and the nature, and how people earning lakhs of rupees have left their job to make farming a profitable business with the use of pure organic things avoiding chemicals and pestcides.





Our Project Coordinator Pramod Kumar visited door to door to meet with local farmers, discussed with them the varied aspects of organic farming, tried to know their point of view about the same and had a great interaction session with all the local farmers.

Health Camp Organized (June 2019)

A Health Camp was organised in the village Babhniyawan at our Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSK). People including women, old age people and children from nearby vilkages came for their regular check up including some people who came for consultation regarding some serious diseases like kidney stones, TB etc.





Organized Outdoor Games (August 2019)

In this modern age of mobile phones & tabs children are getting away from outdoor games. Engaging children in outdoor games not only keeps them physically fit, it also creates a spirit of togetherness, fun and adventure.



Independence Day Celebration (August 2019)

Independence Day was celebrated at our AGAM Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra (GSSK) with great pride and valour at Babhniyawan village in Bahraich district in UP.

Students have taken part in Social Awareness Rally with social messages of making our country corruption free, making less use of plastics, issues concerning climate change, messages of unity in diversity of our great country etc. and making each and every people they meet to have a Nation First attitude.





Online Awareness among Students (August 2019)

Dissemination of Information in this modern age has become easy through the use of technology and the internet. Developing understanding among the children about different social welfare schemes is a key factor that can increase the outreach of such schemes in remote villages. Children are much better Agents of Change for society, they encourage everyone to get involved.



A visit of Children's Homes (August 2019)

Visiting children's homes by our volunteers is a regular phenomena at AGAM. It not only provides an insight of what parents have in their minds about us but also helps us in increasing the attendance of students at our centre.

Sundays are made for holidays and what can be more better than to spend the holiday with children, the future of our nation.





Organized Weekly Tests (September 2019)

Every Sunday at our Gram Suchana and Shiksha Kendra (GSSK) we take weekly tests of students studying at our centre.

The test includes the topics taught in the last 6 days of the week. This helps us in assembling what students have learnt during the weekdays classes and monitoring their gradual progress.



Gandhi Jayanti Celebration with an Essay Competition (October 2019)

A painting cum essay competition has been organised today on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti with the theme, SwachchtaHiSewa, among the students of our centre (GSSK), at gram Babhniyawan, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh.

The students were divided into two groups, the winners of each group were declared and awarded.





On the occasion of 150th birth anniversary of Gandhi Jayanti, we organised #SwachchtaHiSewa campaign at gram Babhniyawan, Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh.

All students studying at our centre and volunteers took part in the campaign and contributed towards making Clean India.

At the end all students played a Kabaddi game and had lots of fun altogether!!!







Volunteering Training Program Under Teesari Sarkar Abhiyan (October 2019)

A two day long training programme was organised by Teesari Sarkar Abhiyan with support from National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj from 12-13 October at Lucknow.

A total of seven AGAM volunteers from three districts, namely, Bahraich, Gonda & Shravasti, have participated in the training program which concluded with the inauguration of Gram Sansad at Lucknow on 14th of October.

In the next one month a series of Gram Sansad will be organised by the different voluntary groups across the state of Uttar Pradesh to strengthen the Panchayati Raj system and making people aware how to use this to fulfil the dreams of Gram Swaraj envisioned by our beloved father of our nation Mahatma Gandhi.

AGAM volunteers will take the lead in the above-mentioned three districts falling under Devipatan division of the state of Uttar Pradesh!!!





"Cluster Gram Sansad" (October 2019)

On 20th of October, AGAM volunteers organised "Cluster Gram Sansad" in two districts namely, Shravasti and Gonda, in the Devipatan division of the state of Uttar Pradesh.

The first "Cluster Gram Sansad" was organised at Prathmik Vidayalaya, Keshwapur Pajawa Gram Panchayat in Gilaula block of Shravasti district and the second one was at Panchayat Bhavan, Chhitauni in Rupaidesh block of Gonda district.

The main purpose of ther "Cluster Gram Sansad" is to initiate a discussion and create awareness among the villagers to recognise Panchayats as third government, to make them informed about the newly introduced GPDP (Gram Panchayat Development Plan), the funds Panchayats are getting after the recommendation of 14th Finance Commission to make their own development plans at gram level, to make them aware about the fact that working of Gram Sabha at gram level is similar to Lok Sabha at national level and Rajya Sabha at state level etc.





Organized Gram Sansad (November 2019)

Gram Sansad organised today at Primary School, Imliya, Jamunaha block in Shravasti district in the state of Uttar Pradesh under Teesari Sarkar Abhiyan by AGAM volunteers!!!





International Anti-Corruption Day Celebration (December 2019)

AGAM volunteers celebrated International Anti-Corruption Day at different centres namely in the districts of Bahraich and Shravasti.

A total of more than 100 students have taken pledge to remove corruption from our country and not to be involved in such malicious acts and maintain the highest level of integrity in their future life.

Students are better agents of change, their will and determination is exemplary to fight corruption. They can lead the system in making it more transparent.





Republic Day Celebration (January 2020)

Republic Day has been celebrated today at both of our Gram Shiksha and Suchana Kendra in Bahraich and Shravasti district of Uttar Pradesh. A rally of students has been organised chanting slogans of patriorism all around culminating at the centre itself and concluded with the performance of students in the form of patriotic songs, speeches and drama.

Prizes were also distributed among the students for their performances.





Social Interaction cum Volunteer Exchange Program (March 2020)

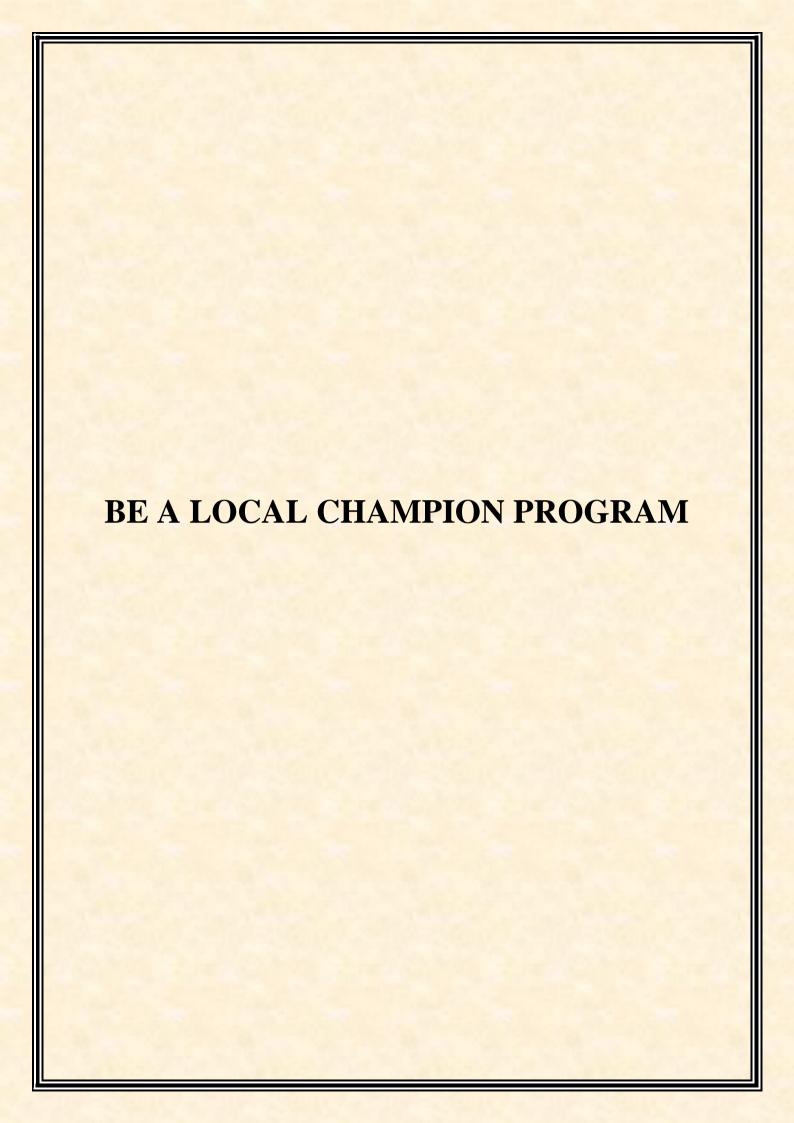
A social Interaction cum Volunteer Exchange Program has been conducted today in Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh. Our volunteers from AGAM Babhniyawan Centre visited the AGAM centre at Keshwapur Pajawa, Shravasti, Uttar Pradesh.

A Common Interaction Program among all volunteers happened along with the interaction of visiting volunteers with local villagers and the students studying at our Keshwapur Pajawa centre.

The visiting volunteers inquired about the Students's Progress Report, villagers's socio-economic and discussed how we can all improve the situations at the very ground level.





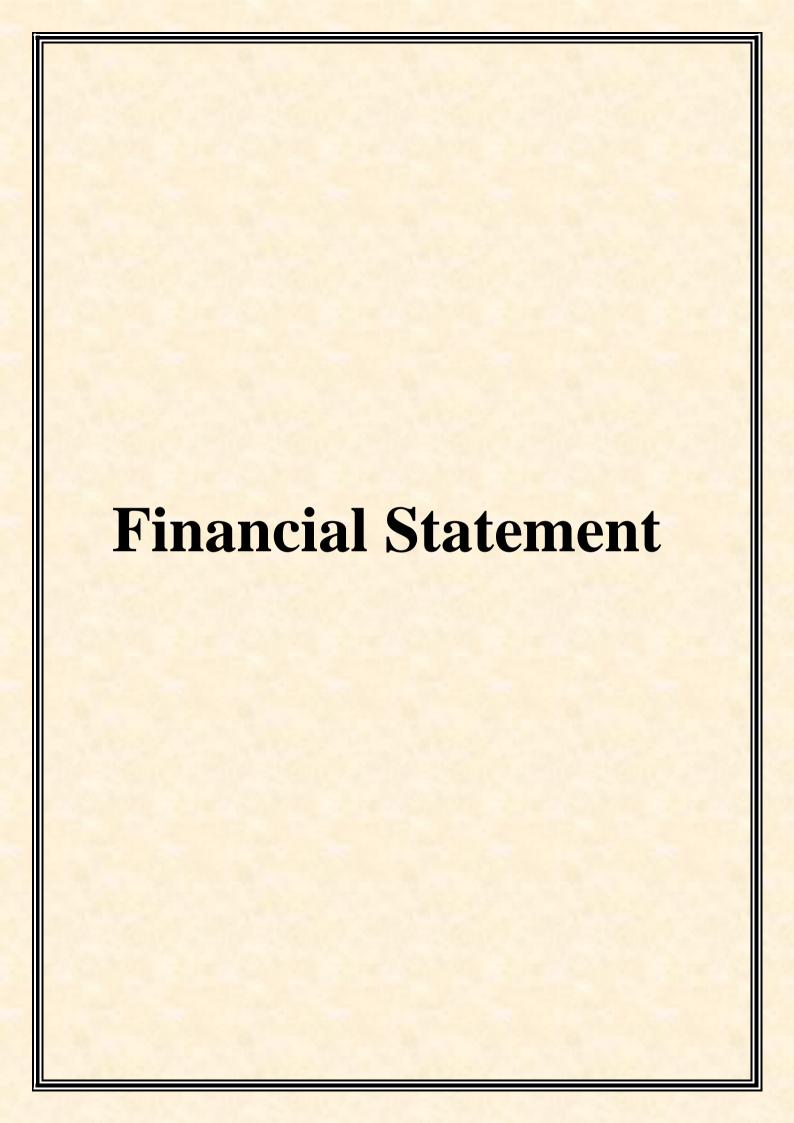


Be a Local Champion

AGAM has started a programme named as "Be a Local Champion". This programme intends to engage people and continue people led, sustainable programmes. We are always looking to expand our GSSK centres to other villages. This expands into our ideology of people driven social changes of development and empowering people with opportunities and encouraging individuals to take a leadership role.

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As a Local Champion a mutual assistance would be provided by AGAM including the basic infrastructure. Further, AGAM volunteers would be assisting the centre in various other ways on a regular basis. AGAM recognises the Local Champions as the Agents of Change and felicitate them at different occasions and programs at national level.





Agam An Initiative For Good Governance House No-248/17, Lakarmandi, Lucknow-226003

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March, 2020

Particulars	Amount (Rs.) Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
To Audit Fee	1180.00 By Received From Various	Sources 141962.00
To Seminars/Workshop Expenses	96000.00	
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To Salary Expenses	34500.00	
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Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2020

Liabilities

Amount (Rs.) Assets

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10000.00 Fixed Assets

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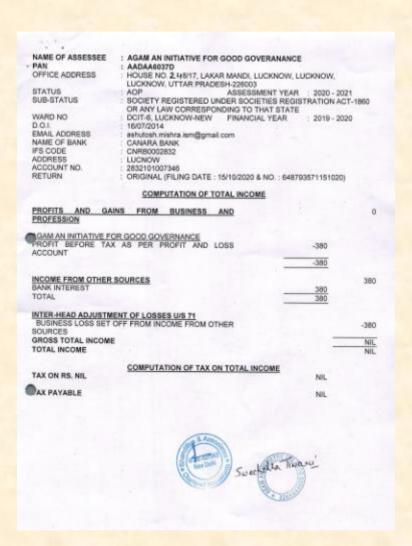
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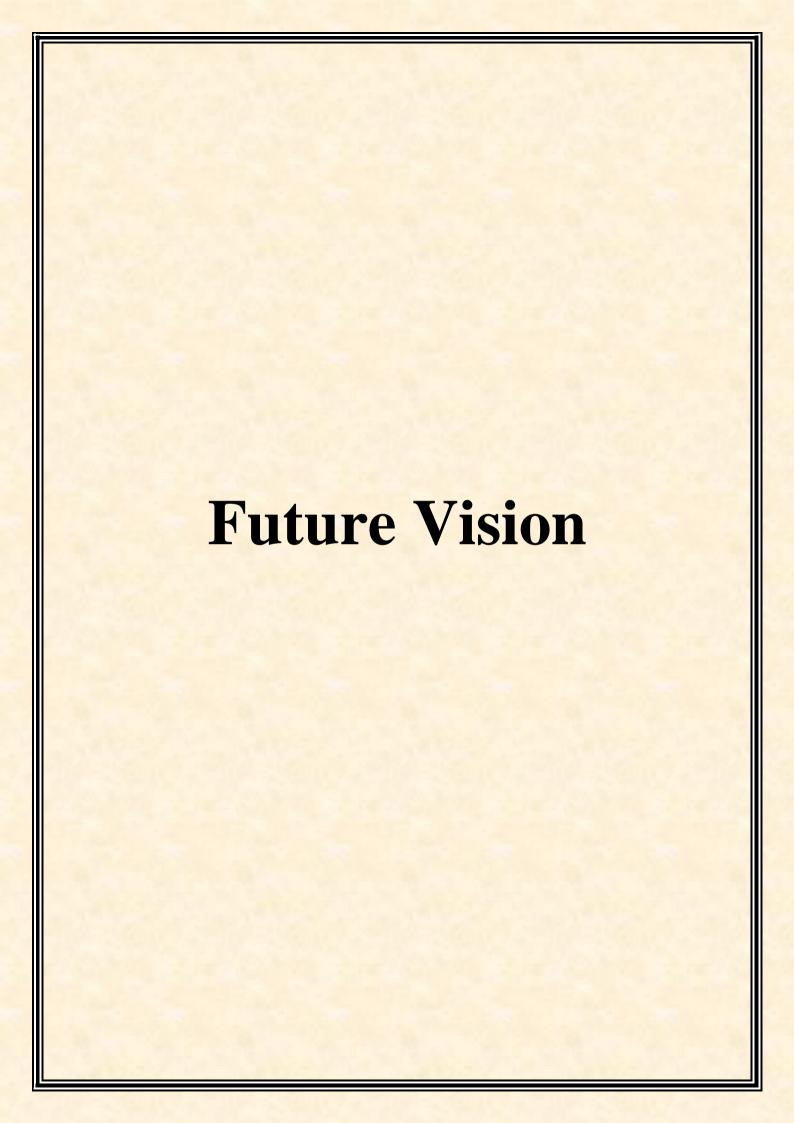
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AGAM is India's independent 'Good Governance' organisation, which works all over the country. Beginning its journey in 2014 in India, we have changed several lives.

We firmly believe that every person deserves the best chance for a bright future, which is why we are fiercely committed to ensure that people not only survive, but thrive. With a bold ambition and a powerful vigilance, we do whatever it takes to promote **good governance** in the nation.

In India, Agam works on ground level every day and especially, in times of crisis. Our pioneering programs address people's needs; giving them a healthy start, an opportunity to learn as well as protection from harm. When crisis strikes, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We are the outspoken champions for that common people, ensuring that their voices are heard and their issues are given top priority. Drawing on a century of leading expertise, we take on the toughest challenges, facing the hardest-to-reach **good governance** – especially those unfairly excluded from India's progress.

We are proud to be delivering lasting results to several vulnerable girls and boys. By saving our India's children, we transform their lives and the future we share. While we run several programmes across India, we also work with some government agencies, civil society organisations, and communities across the country.

Agam is committed to promote **Good Governance**, accountability, transparency, efficiency and rule of law at all levels and allows efficient management of human, natural, economic and financial resources for equitable and sustainable development, guaranteeing civil society participation in decision-making processes.

It involves not only the making of "right and wrong" decisions but also a series of procedures for making those decisions. The concept of **good governance** has several important characteristics: transparency, rule of law, availability, fairness, efficiency and effectiveness, participation. These ideas and concepts need to be ingrained in the thought process and understanding of each and every individual. AGAM is going to continue to spread awareness, facilitate people in exercising their civil & legal rights.

DONATE

Fuel, as we all know, is the most important factor to run machinery. Similarly, to operationalise our activities smoothly, support from all philanthropists and well- wishers of the society is of great importance. Usually, we have the intention to serve the society and are doing whatever is possible from our end, but the fact of the matter is that in this modern era everyone is so busy in their corporate and personal life that we rarely invest time looking over these issues our society is facing as a whole.

We, at **AGAM**, provide a very good platform to such people to do their part in giving back to the society by helping us in any of our activities / issues we are working on, which shakes you from within. Please go through the link http://www.agamindia.org/page/donate-us to support us and do your part required to give something back to the society !!!!

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