

**Annual Report of the Global Science Academy (GSA), Basti
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Mission Statement (GSA):

Dedicated to achieve an overall science-oriented education and sustainable future of humankind with a national spirit. The Academy wishes to ensure widespread education and awareness on the applications of science in day to day endeavor in order to provide adequately the benefit of research to the public through information dissemination and awareness creation. The GSA is deeply dedicated to the creation of scientific temper in Indian society. Further, provide a compassionate and collaborative response to the needs of people infected, affected and at risk of HIV/AIDS through leadership in prevention, education, research, support service and advocacy.

Vision (GSA):

GSA's leadership in information provision and capacity building will be a model within HIV/AIDS, for other health, social, educational and environmental issues and for other countries.

GSA will convert percept into practice pertaining health, social and environmental issues by adopting a multi-disciplinary approach.

GSA will improve the quality of life of underserved, marginalized population as well as people living with HIV/AIDS in India.

GSA will be responsive to the evolving needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, including the emerging populations affected. GSA will also be responsive to other agencies representing and serving people living with HIV/AIDS and other care providers.

Goals (GSA):

Its goal is “to achieve an overall science-oriented education and sustainable future of humankind and to reach the most vulnerable groups that are not served or are underserved with the most needed services by emphasizing socio-economic development, pollution abatement, science and environment education, environmental awareness, environmental management, social welfare, community health care, combat HIV/AIDS, TB & Malaria etc.”

History (GSA):

GSA is an Indian NGO established and registered under Societies Registration Act 21 of 1860 in 1996 (No. 987/1996-97). Also, registered under Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act of 1976 under its Section 6(1) (a) (No. 136310038). Further, GSA is registered under Income Tax Act of 1961-12AA, using its Permanent Account Number (PAN): AAAAG2314C. Over the years, GSA has gained a special recognition in addressing issues on HIV/AIDS along with other issues and strengthened its network



around the globe, the key personnel of which have acclaimed expertise and competence in HIV/AIDS sector in particular and other social arena as well.

List of current Board of Directors (GSA):



Dr. Anil Pratap Singh

Chair designated as Secretary, Executive Committee & CEO

Dr. Anil Pratap Singh worked as Consultant on Targeted Intervention Profiling Studies (TIPS) for National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) and extensively traveled for profiling (HIV/AIDS related activities) of organizations in various States and Union Territories (UTs) of India and providing consultancy to a number of organizations. He has trained as Master Trainer (Stepping Stones) on issues of Sex & Sexuality/ Gender issues/ HIV/AIDS. Dr. Singh has been consistently committed to anti- AIDS issues in India. Dr. Singh has significantly contributed Project Implementation Programme (PIP)-NACP-II and III to the Government of India for Uttar Pradesh state as well as to the 'HIV/AIDS Law Bill for India'. He has presented numerous papers at national & international seminars and conferences held on HIV/AIDS issues and voraciously convened such events in India and edited proceedings of the same. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, Georgia, USA, UNAIDS (Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS), UP SACS and other agencies constantly invite him to attend International / National HIV/AIDS events. Throughout his career in HIV/AIDS & social welfare, he has been recipient of prestigious awards. Serving the Board of Directors of Global Science Academy (GSA) for more than 12 years and proactive role in different capacities at many varied forums of Basti district including District Health Society, District TB/AIDS Coordinating Committee etc. as well as Forum/Networks/Professional Societies on AIDS in India & abroad.

Mr. Suresh Chandra Chaudhary

President, Executive Committee

Mr. Chaudhary graduated in Science and one of the Board of Directors since the inception of the organization i.e. 1996. He had been responsible for conducting minutes of electoral process within the system towards assigning designations and responsibilities thereof and organizing board member to many varied events of the GSA.

Dr. Amit Kumar Chakraborty

Vice-President, Executive Committee

Dr. Amit Kumar Chakraborty having a good social recognition and has been serving GSA since 2006 as one of the Board of Directors. He is the person of diverse academic background including social and trained on various aspects of HIV/AIDS and skilled in in-house capacity building of the GSA personnel and staff.

Ms. Vibha Singh

Member Executive Committee

Ms. Vibha Singh has vast experience in social sector, had attended trainings, workshops and events on HIV/AIDS. She has recently contributed the event pertaining "three-ones principles" of UNAIDS as being implementing during current NACP-III.

Mr. Nabiullah Siddiqui

Member Executive Committee



Mr. Siddiqui has got several trainings in HIV/AIDS sector during implementation of TI under NACP-II & III.

Mr. Sudhir Agarwal

Financial Affairs Consultant

Having over two decades of professional experience in financial sector of public and corporate agencies, providing constant advise and consultancy to the GSA, since 1996, in the organizational management of economic concerns and to different projects of UN agencies and others as were/are implemented/ being run. He has audited US funded projects as well.

Mr. Uma Kant Shukla

Legal Advisor

Graduated in Law and professionally active at Bar Association in the district (Basti) as well as practicing as a renowned lawyer since 1968, Mr. Shukla is on the panel of GSA since the inception of the organization, as its legal advisor not only for matters pertaining policy and law contradictions of HIV/AIDS issues and others but filing PILs of interest of the organization.

Ms. Karuna Singh

HIV/AIDS Consultant

With the professional background in HIV/AIDS sector and working expertise on Migrant Populations, Ms. Karuna Singh is on GSA panel of Consultants. She has academic background of Anthropology having Clear Understanding and application of **gender issues, Sexual and reproductive health and HIV policies** including national level policies, NACO guidelines, USAID policy et al. **Proposal** design, planning, **documentation, budgeting** and **LFA** Ability to manage and coordinate stakeholder groups, promote **stakeholder participation** and applying **Gender, GIPA principles** in program management, **analytical understanding of public health issues**, HIV&AIDS, high risk/vulnerable communities, **Intersectoral collaborations** with government and other national/international agencies for **Mainstreaming** of HIV-AIDS, Significantly contributed in the designing of USAID funded state level projects like Chayan and Rachna for the state of Rajasthan (CARE) **National master trainer for TI (targeted interventions)** NGO appraisal, project implementation and evaluation, **Involved as an expert** in training of NGOs and development of **HIV mainstreaming training modules with Tata Institute of Social Sciences under UNDP supported mainstreaming project in the selected states of India**, Headed an interstate out migration project covering entire cycle of migration (source, transit and destination), Experienced in working with grass root NGOs and CBOs, networks & groups of PLHAs (People living with HIV-and AIDS).

Mr. P.C. Kashinath

HIV/AIDS Consultant

Having vast experience in HIV/AIDS and well renowned Consultant in India Mr. Kashinath constantly on the panel of consultants of the GSA since 2005.

Executive Committee Members- Mr. S.S.Singh, Ms. Mithlesh & Mr. R.P.Singh are also well associated with GSA with their enthusiastic approach towards Mission & Vision of the organization and having vast experiences in social development/welfare issues including HIV/AIDS.

Besides, the above Board of Directors, there are four **Advisory Committees** of GSA in place.

GSA Activities: 2007-2008:

- Conducted UNICEF funded project on “Behavior Change Communication (BCC) of Flood Affected Villages of Basti District, Uttar Pradesh (UP).
- National Science Day 2008 was commemorated on the focal theme, “Progress & Prospects of AIDS-Vaccine Research & Development”.
- Observed International Migrants Day 2007.
- Celebrated World AIDS Day on December 1st 2007 on the theme ‘Stop AIDS Keep the Promise: Take the Lead’ in presence and participation of eminent experts, schools and colleges, intellectuals from GSA and its vast network of stakeholders, and many others enthusiastically participated in this largest gathering and made the event memorable for each and every one in the entire state. Resource materials on the theme brought-out and distributed free amongst gathered public.
- GSA participated all the Meetings of the District Health Society (DHS), Basti as its Founder Member to discuss plans of project implementation in Basti district including NRHM (National Rural Health Mission).
- Published UNDP funded “Proceedings of State-level Seminar on HIV/AIDS & Vulnerability of Uttar Pradesh (UP)”, as was organized by the GSA.
- Celebrated International AIDS Candlelight Memorial as State Co-ordinator (U.P.) being one of the world’s largest grassroots AIDS event of the Global Health Council (U.S.A.). There is mention about the Global Science Academy (GSA) on website of the Global Health Council (U.S.A).
- The Global Science Academy (GSA) has been the partner in the BBC World Service Trust’s nation-wide media campaign on HIV/AIDS and working as a clearinghouse for further information on STDs/HIV/AIDS and related topics by distributing IEC as well as responding specific questions after having expertise opinions.
- Project on “Targeted Intervention (T.I.) amongst commercial sex workers of Basti” successfully conducted with financial support from the esteemed U.P. State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow/ National AIDS Control Organization (NACO).
- Conducted 11th Round- National Annual Sentinel Surveillance for HIV infection (of NACO- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India).
- IEC developed on “Solid Waste Management” under National Environment Awareness Campaign of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India.
- GSA on mailing list of many national & international organizations, its library received many newsletters/ journals/ e-newsletters of Indian & foreign organizations.
- Events of GSA published in leading newspapers as well as websites of India & abroad.
- GSA initiated “All India Networking of NGO Clusters on HIV/AIDS Issues (AINNCHI)” and many grassroots NGOs started getting benefit of GSA expertise on common concern of their fight against HIV/AIDS.
- GSA observed International Youth Day (12 August 2007) in collaboration of District AIDS Society, Basti as catalyzed by UP State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow which later published programme activity details on its website. The topic of the event was “Role of Youth in AIDS Control”.
- GSA observed International Migrant’s Day 2007 on (topic) ‘Prevention of HIV/AIDS among Migrant Populations’.
- Staffs’ Capacity Building:
 - i) Sentinel staff of the Global Science Academy got Training, regarding 11th Round of Sentinel Surveillance for HIV Infection by the UP State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow.
 - ii) Counselor (female) at Global Science Academy’s T.I. Project participated in a Workshop on “Three Ones’ Principle” (of NACO) at Hotel Clark Awadh, Lucknow.



- iii) ORWs got training by the UP State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow on out-reach activities.
 - iv) Project Manager got training by the UP State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow on New Guidelines of NACO i.e. NACP-III.
 - v) Participated District AIDS Coordination Committee (DACC) meeting, headed by the District Magistrate, Basti, Chief Medical Officer, Basti, Programme Officer-AIDS/Sr. Distt. T.B. Officer, Basti.
 - vi) GSA Document, "An NGO Response to HIV" –highlights anti-AIDS activities of the GSA revised and edited for publication.
 - vii) GSA chief functionary Dr. A.P. Singh invited by UP State AIDS Control Society, Lucknow for drafting NACP III (National AIDS Control Programme III) for Uttar Pradesh state in the Prevention of HIV Transmission amongst High-risk Population/ Prevention of HIV Transmission amongst Vulnerable Population.
 - viii) One of the GSA staffs got training on National Rural Health Mission at Literacy House, Lucknow.
 - ix) GSA's convener of National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) got the training on NEAC by Regional Resource Agency of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India at Siddharthnagar, Uttar Pradesh.
- HIV/AIDS RELATED TALKS GIVEN OVER VOICE OF AMERICA:
 - i) *On March, 23, 2007*: Chief functionary GSA spoke on "Opportunistic Infections' Management & HIV"
 - ii) *On World AIDS Day (December 01) 2007*: Chief functionary GSA spoke on "AIDS Control Responses from India"
 - Noteworthy Memberships :
 - i) GSA as the Founder Member of "Uttar Pradesh Network of NGOs work on HIV/AIDS, Lucknow (U.P.)" as one of the 12 trustee organizations.
 - ii) Life Member- Member 'HIV/AIDS Citizens' Forum".
 - iii) GSA is the Founder Member of "Developing Healthy Attitude towards Life (DHAL)" and its chief functionary is its Vice-President.
 - iv) GSA head also one of the founder (executive) members of the District Health Society, Basti being headed by the District Magistrate, Basti & the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), Basti.
 - Papers Presented/ Published by GSA Staff :
 - i) Paper published at International AIDS Conference (IAS) held at Toronto, Canada. The title of the paper- "Fight against HIV/AIDS in resource-limited conditions- an effective, efficient, realistic & acceptable approach".
 - ii) NGO head presented his paper "Replicable HIV/AIDS Preventive Intervention" based on activities done through the project at International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific (ICAAP).
 - Monitoring Visits:
 - i) Chief Medical Officer/ District Magistrate for verification of T.I. project (on commercial sex workers) related activities.
 - ii) Official of U.P. State AIDS Control Society (UP SACS) visited the project site and monitored office records.
 - iii) Visit of Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) officials for GSA's capacity evaluation towards implementing government's development schemes for the benefit of the society. This task to NYK was assigned by the Ministry of the Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
 - Free Medical Camps were given to poor population in different Developmental Blocks of Basti.



- Event on “Solid Waste Management” under National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India organized by GSA.
- AIDS & Environment related advertisements given in the News-papers to create awareness amongst masses, to such great problems of our times.
- Celebrated World Environment Day on June 5, 2007, which was covered by both print and electronic media.
- Actively participated in the Family Health awareness Campaign (FHAC) as organized by the District AIDS Society at different places in the City(-Basti).
- Project in pipeline at U.P. Health Systems Development Project (UPHSDP) to address Health issues from the districts- Basti & Kushinagar of U.P.
- Celebrated World Health Day on 7th April 2007.
- Celebrated World Population Day on 11th July 2007.
- International Ozone Day celebrated on September 16th 2007 with literary support of UNEP (Energy & Ozone Action Unit), France.
- Programmes relating maternal health and women and child welfare conducted at several occasions.
- Meetings of Executive Committee/ Board of Directors, Advisory Committees, General Assembly meetings were amongst the routine GSA activities.
- To fight AIDS epidemic in India, GSA chief functionary, given input on “Opportunistic Infections (OIs) Management in a training module for India being prepared by Professors of Claflin University, USA.
- GSA head worked as CONSULTANT for Resource Center for Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS (RCSHA), New Delhi/ National AIDS Control Organization (NACO), Government of India for profiling (HIV/AIDS related activities) of organizations in different States and Union Territories of India, implementing targeted intervention projects (of NACO), and done profiling in the states / Union Territories- Goa, Haryana, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Sikkim, Rajasthan etc.
- GSA personnel Presented papers at national & international seminars and conferences (also communicated for presentation), some of these include: *“Replicable HIV/AIDS Preventive Intervention”*, *“Bio-psychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection in Indian Context: A Study for Replicating Innovative Strategies Worldwide”*, *“Fight Against HIV/AIDS in Resource Limited Conditions: An Effective, Efficient, Realistic and Acceptable Approach”*, *“An Effective, Science-based, Structural-Intervention Package towards Empowering Women in the Fight against HIV/AIDS”*, *“Reaching out Vulnerable and Marginalized Groups in India’s Most Populous State- Uttar Pradesh (UP) Depending on Epidemiological Vulnerability Indicators”*, *“Integrating Prevention Programmes into Treatment and Care Programmes in a Resource Constrained Country-India”*, *“Streamlining Preventive intervention to Cultural Heritage and Media Representation”* etc.
- GSA is on the mailing list on almost all relevant (HIV/AIDS sector) organizations / publishers for having their regular publications/ newsletters/ e-newsletters, Noteworthy publications (print) including:
 - i. International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (IAPAC) Monthly,
 - ii. Journal of International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care (JIAPAC),
 - iii. International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) Report,
 - iv. VAX,
 - v. AIDS Buzz,
 - vi. Positively Aware



vii. Sankalp and many others.

Regular e-newsletters including:

AIDS Asia,

ii. UNDP News,

iii. SEA AIDS,

iv. Body Pro,

v. HIV foresite,

vi. hivatlas,

vii. Global Health Council News,

viii. UNAIDS,

ix. World AIDS Campaign and many others.

In addition, UNAIDS, WHO, UNDP, UNDP-TAHA, UNODC, CDC, UNFPA, UNIFEM, UNICEF, UNDCP, USAID, ICMR, World Bank, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, Clinton Foundation, DFID, FHI, Population Council, and many others send regularly their publications, IEC, newsletters, e-newsletters etc.

- Good networking has been developed through AIDS-India/ AIDS Asia being e-Forum, connecting key stakeholders. Events of GSA appeared (and approached) through this forum also.

- GSA personnel trained on Stepping Stones (The Stepping Stones is a module originated in Buwenda Village, Yuganda (South Africa) has proved to be a highly effective tool in enabling communities to address their own issues and actively seek solutions.) training on communication skills, relationship skills, HIV/AIDS, gender, sexuality and reproductive health issues, organized by CYDA, Pune.

- People from GSA got Training on Health and Nutrition of Young, Child and Women/ Counseling on HIV/AIDS & Trafficking organized by NIPCCD, Lucknow.

Principal Sources of Funding (GSA):

GSA is proud to mention its recognition by UN agencies such as UNAIDS, UNDP, UNICEF for funding HIV/AIDS related activities as well as CDC (Centres for Disease Control and Prevention) for providing full sponsorship to its chief-functionary to attend 14th International AIDS Conference, Barcelona (Spain). National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India is one the core funding body for GSA's AIDS-control project since 2001 to the date. In addition, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India and others are regularly funding the GSA projects since 1999.

GSA's Track Record at a glance:

GSA is a Basti (India based) non-profit, non- governmental organization working in the areas of HIV/AIDS, Education, Gender and Sexual Health with special focus on vulnerable as well as high risk groups for STI/HIV infection and young people and experience of working in multiple initiatives, included both HIV and other developmental issues in India since 1996. Beside its headquarters GSA has Branch offices, Camp offices as well as Community Reach Offices in place to smoothly implement its activities. GSA is known for innovations, commitment, high dedication and resourcefulness in responding to the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS. GSA has attended, on invitation, by UNAIDS as the official India delegate at 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific (ICAAP), Japan. While, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), USA identified and sent the Chief functionary of organization to attend and contribute at 14th International AIDS Conference at Barcelona (Spain). Resulting from mass media on



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HIV/AIDS, by partnering with BBC World Service Trust, GSA was able to initiate STOP-AIDS Network, presence of which will help in implementing HIV/AIDS projects (AIDS 2006 - XVI International AIDS Conference: Abstract no. CDD0751).

GSA implemented Targeted Intervention for female sex workers and Sentinel Surveillance (for HIV-infection) in Basti and recently convened UNDP funded Seminar on HIV/AIDS Vulnerability of Uttar Pradesh (UP). GSA voraciously commemorate days, events like International AIDS-Vaccine Day, World AIDS Day, International Youth Day, International Migrants Day, World Health Day, National Science Day and many others. Recent National Science Day was commemorated on the focal theme, "Progress & Prospects of AIDS-Vaccine Research & Development". Funding bodies of GSA included UNDP, UNAIDS, UNICEF, UP State AIDS Control Society (UP SACS), Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi, Shohrartgarh Environmental Society, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi, Ministry of Human Resources Development, All India Council for Technical Education, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Chief Medical Officer, Basti, District Health Society, Basti and others. GSA provided a compassionate and collaborative response to the needs of people infected, affected and at risk of HIV/AIDS through leadership in prevention, education, research, support service and advocacy. Also addressed issues of human rights violations through advocacy and free legal aid; creating awareness about HIV / AIDS / STIs (sexually transmitted Infections) in the red light areas, slums, universities, colleges, schools, etc. Providing counseling for people infected and / or affected by HIV / AIDS; produce information, education, communication material on HIV/AIDS and STIs, Sex and Sexuality and allied topics including issues of social injustices, unfair policies and discriminatory law enforcement, in collaboration with like minded NGO groups, and lawyers. GSA also conducts field studies, addresses legal issues of working population and publishes GSA newsletter. GSA participated many varied consultations on HIV/AIDS issues including strategy planning of Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. GSA's recent initiative "All India Networking of NGO Clusters on HIV/AIDS Issues" getting an overwhelming response.

N.B.: For GSA infrastructure/ assets please refer Audited Statement of Accounts-2007-08.