# Annual Report
# Year: 2018-2019

De Haath Society

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## Introduction

De Haath Society is a not-for-profit organisation registered under the statutory act, i.e. the Society Registration Act, 1860. It was registered in August, 2015. The name, De Haath Society, signifies a call to all the members of the society to come, join hands for the welfare of the society.

The need of De Haath Society was felt in 2013, when Vasudev, the founder, witnessed the extent of discrimination of the society against women and realised that several atrocities committed on women can be stopped or reduced by restructuring the patriarchal mindset of people. Taboos, misconceptions, irrational fears among others are the factors for societal disorder and anarchy.
Under his mentor, Zeeshan, Vasudev saw discrimination against several other sections of the society as well. Among these sections were mental patients. He initiated a program, Vajood, for patients of mental disorders under the "Changeloom With.In" fellowship at Pravah. Vajood is also the first program run by De Haath Society.

## From the Founder

Like all years gone by, I would like to thank the supporters of the organisation and express my heartfelt gratitude. In the last year we initiated the action and engagement with zardozi artisans and it was a refreshing experience because the artisans were more than keen on taking charge of their condition and improving it themselves.

In our sessions with the artisans, we included motivation, goal setting and collectivisation of the artisans. We completed a process of vision-sharing which is the strength of any change. We developed a team of volunteers from amongst the artisans and also a helpful team of people who would like to help us as stakeholders.

## Project

**Chirag:** With the classes for the children and adults going on we decided to commence work on employing the women in the families. We formed 10 self help groups of women in Old Lucknow. This included opening the bank accounts of the SHGs and getting their revolving fund under the Deendayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Yojana through District Urban Development Authority. The women were also given exposure and marketting sessions.

## Extra Activities

**Daan Utsav:** We organised a exhibition for the woman artisans for whom this was a new exposure and they explored the other options in handicraft they can include in their work.

## Board of Advisors

We constituted an Advisory Council to guide us in our endeavours. We have started by adding the first member -

**Saurabh Manocha** - Working in Dainik Jagran, Saurabh Manocha has been advising us in our activities. Not only his command over media marketting but also his ability to shape up good ideas has been of tremendous help.

## Committee Against Sexual Harassment

In line with the Vishakha Guidelines, we have constituted a committee to report sexual harassment. The committee will function according to the Vishakha Guidelines and any such guidelines issued by the Government of India.

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