

Vanbandhu Parishad Rashtriya Mahila Samiti Ekal Shakti



Shakti is both soft and powerful, both practical and spiritual. We pay our tribute to the Shakti Peeth, Kamakhya Temple, as with Her Blessings, we had our National Executive committee Meeting of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti in March 2018 at Guwahati.



सौ. गीता मूंदड़ा
अध्यक्ष

अध्यक्षीय मनोगत

समय के साथ कदमताल करने वाले व्यक्ति व संस्थाएँ निरंतर प्रगति पथ पर अग्रसर होती हैं। कम समय में अधिक परिणाम देने वाली आधुनिक तकनीक का उपयोग करना आज की आवश्यकता है। वनबन्धु परिषद् राष्ट्रीय महिला समिति द्वारा “एकल शक्ति” के नाम से E-BULLETIN प्रकाशित करने का निर्णय इसी उद्देश्य का प्रतिफल है।

प्रगति के दो पैर होते हैं – विचार शक्ति एवं कर्म शक्ति। एक के बिना दूसरे का कोई अस्तित्व नहीं। विचारों की शक्ति अपरिमित होती है और कार्य करने की अपनी सीमा। विचार और क्रिया में संतुलन होने पर सकारात्मक परिणाम परिलक्षित होते हैं और कर्म के साथ मन के जुड़ने पर वही कर्म श्रेष्ठ बन जाता है।

सामान्यतः महिलाएँ भावना प्रधान होती हैं। हृदय में सेवा, स्नेह व समर्पण की शक्ति से असंभव को संभव करने की ताकत रखती हैं -- बस आवश्यकता है स्वयं को पहचानने की, अन्तर्मन की शक्ति को समझने की।

वनवासी क्षेत्रों में शिक्षा की अलख जगाने तथा सेवावृत्ति को ममत्व देने की दृष्टि से वनबन्धु परिषद् के कार्यों में महिलाओं की भागीदार बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से श्रीमती पुष्पाजी मूंदड़ा, कोलकाता, के नेतृत्व में राष्ट्रीय महिला समिति का गठन सन 2011 में हुआ। आदरणीय बापूजी पद्मश्री रामेश्वर लालजी काबरा एवं माँ रत्नी देवी काबरा का संरक्षण मिला। सभी चेप्टर में महिला समितियों का गठन करना, परस्पर विचार विनिमय, प्रेरणा – प्रोत्साहन तथा उत्साह व सक्रियता बढ़ाने के लिए राष्ट्रीय मंच का उपयोग होने लगा। परिणामतः 16 प्रदेशों में 35 महिला समितियाँ सूचीबद्ध होकर कार्य करने लगीं।

इस ईश्वरीय कार्य में बहनों ने सामूहिक शक्ति का परिचय देते हुए E.T.S के उद्देश्य व कार्यों को अपनी गतिविधियों के माध्यम से जन-जन तक पहुंचाने का सफल प्रयास किया। एकल अभियान के सभी आयामों के सेवावृत्ति भाई – बहनों तथा आचार्यों को सक्रांति पर सम्मानित करने का दायित्व महिला शक्ति को दिया गया है। अर्थसंग्रह से लेकर सम्मान समारोह के माध्यम से लगभग एक लाख सेवावृत्ति एवं आचार्यों के पास व्यवस्थित रूप से उपहार पहुंचे यह एक चुनौतीपूर्ण कार्य है।

साधना से सिद्धी मिलती है। बहनों के परिश्रम व संकल्प शक्ति से रामजी का यह काम अनवरत होता रहेगा इसी विश्वास के साथ बहनों से अपील करती हूँ कि –

“मेहनत इतनी खामोशी से करो की सफलता शोर मचा दे”

एकल शक्ति के सम्पादन का कार्य सौ. अलकाजी मोदी एवं उनकी टीम ने लिया, सभी का तहे दिल से धन्यवाद।

एकल प्रणाम।

आपकी विनम्र

गीता मूंदड़ा (अध्यक्ष)

Message from the Secretary



'Be passionate about what you're doing and always give it your all.' -- This is the key to success.

Rashtriya Mahila Samiti is able to move forward with a faster pace towards its goal only because of the collective effort and devotion by all the members of 35 Mahila Samities across the country. It has emerged as one of the most powerful 'SHAKTIS' in not only bringing positive changes in the lives of rural India, but also inspiring the urban society to care for the villagers and connect with them.

Children are the future of our nation. Whether rural or urban, they are equally important in the progress of the country. We encourage the youth of urban India to join hands with us, understand the lives of rural folks and children, connect with them and accept them as their brothers and sisters to create a homogeneous society.

The beauty of this organisation is that the members observe the work so closely, that soon they become Karyakartas and donors too. I take this opportunity to thank all the members, volunteers and donors who have been a continuous source of inspiration and support.

I also take this opportunity to thank the members of the Editorial Board for their efforts to create a page of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti on the website, where quarterly News and Events by name EKAL-SHAKTI will be published to showcase the activities of all the Mahila Samities across India.

I wish everyone a great success.

Lata Malpani

General Secretary

Rashtriya Mahila Samiti

Editorial Team



Smt. Lata Malpani



Smt. Alka Modi



Shri Niraj Harodia



Smt. Shobhana Paranjpye



Smt. Urvashi Rastogi



Ms. Tanzeena Mukherjee

RASHTRYA MAHILA SAMITI (RMS)



लता मालपानी, चेन्नई
जनरल सेक्रेटरी

‘वन बन्धु परिषद-राष्ट्रीय महिला समिति’ की इस ई-पत्रिका का नाम हमने ‘एकल शक्ति’ रखा है। एकल शक्ति के इस प्रथम अंक में ‘शक्ति’ शब्द के गर्भ में समाहित अर्थ व भावनाओं के समावेश को व्यक्त करने का यह प्रयास है। आशा है आप सभी को पसंद आएगा।

Shakti

शक्ति

वसंत का पदार्पण ऐसे समय में होता है, जब प्रकृति नई ऊर्जा से भरी होती है। इसी प्रकार हमारी शक्ति भी जब सकारात्मक ऊर्जा से भरपूर होती है, तो वसंत की भांति यह भी उल्लास के रूप में, क्रियाशीलता के रूप में, प्रसन्नता आदि के रूप में अभिव्यक्त होती है। हमारी शक्ति वैसी ही होती है, जैसी हम उसमें ऊर्जा भरते हैं।

शक्ति सभी के विद्यमान है, शक्ति का सही उपयोग हमारे अंदर दैवी गुण पैदा करता है और दुरुपयोग आसुरी बनाता है। शक्ति की उपासना का सही अर्थ है कि हम अपने अन्तर्मन की शक्ति को पहचानें और उसे सही दिशा में कार्यान्वित करें। तभी तो हम वंदना करते हैं— “या देवी सर्वभूतेषु शक्ति रूपेण संस्थिता। नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमस्तस्यै नमो नमः”— यह उपासना अपने भीतर शक्ति के रूप में स्थित देवी की आराधना है।

कभी-कभी अपने अंदर शक्ति होते हुए भी मानसिक रूप से हम कमजोर पड़ जाते हैं, और अपनी शक्ति को स्वीकारते नहीं, प्रयास करना छोड़ देते हैं, परिणाम स्वरूप सब कुछ व्यर्थ हो जाता है।

एक बार एक व्यक्ति ने देखा कि महावत ने कुछ हाथी पतली और कमजोर रस्सी से अपने दरवाजे पर बांध रखे थे, उसने महावत से पूछा कि इतनी कमजोर रस्सी को तोड़कर ये क्यों नहीं भाग जाते? महावत ने उत्तर दिया कि मैंने इन्हें बचपन से पाला है, बचपन में मैंने इन्हें जंजीरों में बांधे रखा, तब इन्होंने भरसक कोशिश की, लेकिन बंधन तोड़ नहीं सके। इसलिए इनके दिमाग में यह बात घर कर गई है कि वे अब बंधनमुक्त हो नहीं सकते। इसलिए अब इन्होंने प्रयास करना ही छोड़ दिया है।

निष्क्रिय होकर खूंटों से बंधे, किसी के इशारों पर नाचना भी कोई जीना है? खुली आँखों से सपने देखने और उन्हें पूरा करने की कोशिश में जो हमारी सोच है, चेष्टा है, आनंद है, यह सब हमारी अंदरूनी शक्ति को ही उजागर करती है, यही शक्ति हमारी पहचान भी है। हमारे समाज में नारी को ‘शक्ति’ का दर्जा दिया गया है। यह नारी शक्ति पूरे देश को, सारे समाज को, परिवार को, एकता के सूत्र में बाँधती है। माँ की ममता, सहनशीलता और प्रेम में जो शक्ति होती है, उसकी कोई सीमा नहीं। नेपोलियन का कहना था कि “तुम मुझे संस्कारी माताएं दो, मैं तुम्हें सशक्त राष्ट्र दूंगा।”

दुर्गा सप्तशती के अनुसार, माँ दुर्गा समस्त प्राणियों में चेतना, बुद्धि, स्मृति, धृति, शक्ति, शांति, श्रद्धा, कांति, तुष्टि, दया आदि अनेक रूपों में स्थित है। अपने भीतर स्थित इन देवियों को जगाना हमें सकारात्मकता की ओर ले जाता है। भगवान श्रीराम ने शक्ति की उपासना कर बलशाली रावण पर विजय पाई थी। जबकि 'देवी पुराण' में उल्लेख है कि रावण शिव के साथ-साथ शक्ति का भी आराधक था। उसने माँ दुर्गा से बलशाली होने का वरदान पा रखा था, लेकिन शक्ति ने राम का साथ दिया, क्योंकि रावण अपने भीतर सद्गुण रूपी देवियों को जगा नहीं पाया। तुष्टि, दया, शांति आदि के आभाव में उसका अहंकार प्रबल हो गया।

इसलिए देवी की आराधना का एक अर्थ यह भी है कि आप एक ऐसे इंसान बनें, जिसमें शक्ति के साथ-साथ करुणा, दया, चेतना, बुद्धि, तुष्टि आदि गुण भी हों।

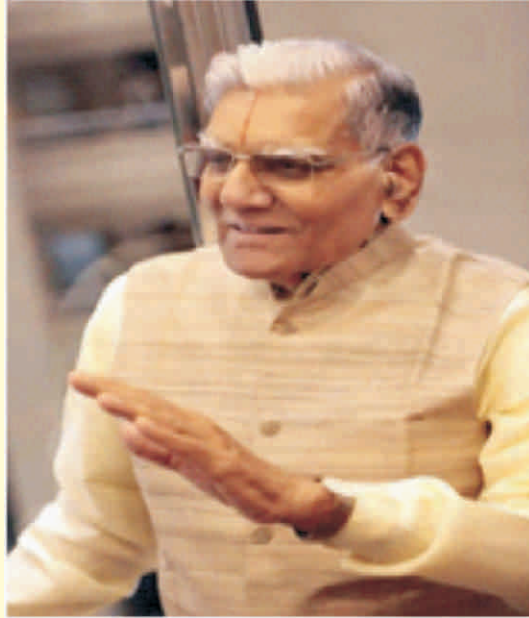
देवी के रूपों में माँ दुर्गा को राक्षसों से संघर्ष करते हुए दिखाया गया है। इसका अभिप्राय यह है कि हम कठिनाइयों (जो वास्तव में राक्षस जैसी ही प्रतीत होती हैं) से हिम्मत हारने के बजाय उनसे संघर्ष करें। नवरात्र तीन शक्तियों महालक्ष्मी, महासरस्वती और महाकाली की उपासना का पर्व भी माना जाता है। ये भी हमारी तीन शक्तियाँ हैं, जिन्हें इच्छाशक्ति, ज्ञान शक्ति और क्रिया शक्ति कह सकते हैं।

आज हमारे गाँव, जहाँ देश की 70% आबादी रहती है, अशिक्षा व अज्ञानता रूपी राक्षसों से जकड़े हुए हैं। आइए हम सब माताएं व बहनें अपनी शक्तियों को जागृत कर शिक्षित, स्वावलम्बी, स्वस्थ व जागरूक देश के निर्माण हेतु "एकल अभियान" रूपी इस महायज्ञ में अपनी-अपनी आहुति अर्पण करें।

ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः
सर्वे सन्तु निरामयाः।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्तु
मा कश्चित् दुःख भाग्भवेत्।
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः॥

Om, May All become Happy,
May All be Free from Illness.
May All see what is Auspicious,
May no one Suffer.
Om, Peace Peace Peace!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BAPUJI



RASHTRIYA MAHILA SAMITI extends Hearty Congratulations to our former President and current Patron of FTS, Shri Rameshwarlalji Kabra for receiving Padma Shri this year from Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of India. Rameshwarlalji who is affectionately called Bapuji, is associated with FTS from 1996 and was President of the Parishad from 2003 to 2009. His tireless efforts led to an increase in the number of chapters from 6 to 28. It is a matter of great pleasure and pride to all of us that he has received this well-deserved honour this year.

National Executive Committee (NEC) Meeting at Guwahati

RASHTRIYA MAHILA SAMITI held its 2nd National Executive Committee (NEC) Meeting of the second term at Guwahati on 15th and 16th of March, 2018. **This was attended by 93 members; 55 NEC members from various Mahila Samitis across India and by 38 Local Members.**



Releasing the new Telephone Directory



The new Telephone Directory 2018-19 of RMS was released by the Chief Guest, First Lady of Assam Smt. Prem Mukhiji in NEC held at Guwahati on 15th March, 2018.

From left Smt. Pushpa Mundra - Patron RMS, Smt. Prem Mukhiji - First Lady of Assam, Smt. Geeta Mundra - President RMS, Smt. Sudhaji Shrivastav - Ex President of Assam Mahila Commission and Smt. Lata Malpani - General Secretary RMS.



NEWS FROM SAMITIS:

NORTH EAST ZONE

Dibrugarh Mahila Samiti

School Visit



The members of Dibrugarh Mahila Samiti visited Ekal Vidyalaya at Agnipathar Lohawal on 24th January, 2018 and attended monthly meeting of the acharyas. They played with the children and taught them making Indian Flag so that they could put them on their houses on Republic Day. They sang patriotic songs with the children. Treasurer Smt. Shruti Kejriwal taught them making caps which children wore on that day. Children were distributed pencils, books and other educational materials. Members expressed that getting connected with Ekal meant getting connected with God.

Guwahati Mahila Samiti

Hosting of N.E.C Meeting

Guwahati Mahila Samiti hosted N.E.C Meeting 15th and 16th March, 2018. Members of Guwahati Chapter came dressed in traditional Mekhla Sarees. The décor, cultural programme and welcome song depicted the rich culture of North East.



Visit by Shri. Rameshwar Lal ji Kabra

On 5th January, 2018, Bapuji Shri Rameshwar Lal ji Kabra and his wife Smt. Ratni Devi Kabra visited Guwahati and met all the members for 'Margdarshan.' Smt. Ratni Devi Kabra discussed about activities of FTS and placed emphasis on internal coordination for the development of the country and society.



Silchar Mahila Samiti

Vanyatra



Mahila Samiti of FTS Silchar Chapter organised a Vanyatra on 28th January, 2018 at Agnipathar Ekal Village under Dibrugarh Sanch of Silchar Anchal. 15 members including 3 new members participated in the Programme. The members of Mahila Samiti met the acharyas during their monthly meeting. They also taught acharyas about how to make Indian flag so that they could teach the same to the children. They played different games with them too. Children, Gram Samiti and karyakartas were also provided with gifts and food packets.

EAST ZONE

Bhubaneswar Mahila Samiti

Celebration of Women's Day

On 7th March, 2018, Bhubaneswar Mahila Samiti celebrated Women's Day. 40 members participated along with 12 new members. The Programme was celebrated with lots of fun, various enjoyable games were played by the participants and the Programme also provided a platform to all members where they experienced interactive sessions about FTS and its work.



Dhanbad Mahila Samiti



Motivational Programme for karyakartas

Dhanbad Mahila Samiti organised a Programme on 16th January, 2018 where sweaters were distributed to full time karyakartas. Members of Dhanbad Chapter were also invited. The programme was a grand success.

Felicitation of women acharyas

On 8th March, 2018, on the occasion of International Women's Day, Dhanbad Mahila Samiti felicitated women acharyas. Acharyas were extremely happy to receive bags and dupattas as mementos and were very much inspired with this initiative.

Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti

Vanyatra & Other Programmes

The Mahila Samiti of Jamshedpur organised several programmes namely Vanyatra, Medical Camp & Distribution of Gifts for Makar Sankranti. All the programmes took place at the Dangakamal village in Ghatshila, Jharkhand. Apart from FTS members, a number of guests and youths participated. A team of 3 doctors treated 250 patients from the village and distributed medicines free of cost. During school visit, our members and guests met the acharya and children; and distributed chocolates, biscuits and potato chips among the children. The Sankranti gifts were distributed among the Harikatha team. Male members of Harikatha team received kurtas, pyjamas & towels; female members received sarees.



Kolkata Mahila Samiti

Acharya Samman Samaroha



On 18th January, 2018, Kolkata Mahila Samiti organised Acharya Samman Samaroha which was held at Nabadwip Training Centre where total of 90 Acharyas from Barasat, Nadia and Rampurhat Anchals of South Bengal Bhag were felicitated by Smt. Pratibha Binani, Joint Treasurer & Smt. Alka Modi, Member of Kolkata Mahila Samiti. A similar Programme was organised on 7th February, 2018, in Kharagpur in which Kolkata Mahila Samiti felicitated 81 acharyas from 4 Anchals from West Bengal namely Purulia, Medinipur, Sonarpur and Bankura at Gopali Ashram in Kharagpur. During this Programme, Sankranti Uphar was given to 170 karyakartas. The Programme went very well.

Health Check Up Camp at Sonarpur Anchal

A Health Check-up Camp was held at Sonarpur Anchal on 11th February, 2018. Dr. Smt. Nirmala Pipara, a private practitioner who is also associated with Matri Mangal Pratisthan and B. P. Poddar Hospital & Medical Research Limited and her team treated patients suffering from blood sugar, hypertension, bone density loss etc. More than 100 villagers attended the Camp and got benefitted through the free check-up and free medicine distribution. Shri Surendra Bafna, Joint Treasurer of FTS National took up the initiative to organise the whole Event. His wife Smt. Madhu Bafna was also present in the Programme. Members of RMS Smt. Shobha Bhattar, Smt. Alka Modi, and Smt. Jayashree Mohta were present in the Programme. Shri Nirmal Agarwal and Smt. Anita Agarwal arranged the medicines which were distributed free of cost.



Raipur Mahila Samiti

Members' Meeting



On 12th & 13th February, 2018, Raipur Mahila Samiti organised a two day meeting where members were encouraged to carry on with good work. As a part of the Programme, they were given Chattisgarh tribal art items as mementos.

Ranchi Mahila Samiti

Bag Distribution

Ranchi Mahila Samiti distributed Pithoo bags to Purnakalin Karyakartas on 9th February, 2018 at Arogya Bhawan. There were nearly 70 Purnakalin Karyakartas from Lohardaga, Chatra, Ramgarh, and Santhal Pargana.



Siliguri Mahila Samiti

Makar Sankranti Celebration

On 18th January, 2018, Siliguri Mahila Samiti distributed hand bags, mosquito nets and hair oil to the karyakartas to celebrate Makar Sankranti. The karyakartas were very happy to receive these gifts; samiti members motivated them to work with more enthusiasm.



SOUTH ZONE

Bangalore Mahila Samiti

Screening of PADMAN

Bangalore Mahila Samiti organised Screening of film PADMAN on 11th February, 2018. Selection of this movie was to create awareness about the subject among all. FTS Karyakartas helped in organising this programme, as it was also a fund raising event for FTS.

Chennai Mahila Samiti

Makar Sankranti Yojana

Under Makar Sankranti Upahar Yojana, 50 sarees, 80 suitcases containing sets of shirt, pant and a torch with charger were distributed to all the acharyas, full-time sevavratists and karyakartas. Such programmes are organised every year to motivate acharyas, full-time sevavratists and karyakartas.

Fund Raising Programme



A Fund Raising Programme, 'Coffee Morning' with Bumper Tambola was organised on 26th February, 2018 at Hotel Crowne Plaza. Nearly 250 ladies participated in the Programme. The Programme was organised with a professional touch. It was a grand success with collection of Rs.680000 to support Eka I Vidyalayas.

Erode Mahila Samiti

Happy Street



Happy Street is an initiative by 'The Times of India' which encourages people to use non-motorised transport. The road selected for Happy Street is blocked for few hours and used as a free space where anyone can walk, play or do freely whatever they want to do.

Mahila Samiti of Erode Chapter organised a programme on Happy Street on 25th January, 2018 where tribal children were invited. It was a unique event where two goals were fulfilled at the same time. While environmental pollution related issue was addressed by making the road free of different motorised vehicles making it pollution free for some hours; at the same time tribal children who participated, got an opportunity to mix with urban children.

School Visit by Youth Wing of Erode Mahila Samiti

Members of Youth Wing of Erode Mahila Samiti visited Pilakavu Vidyalyaya at Wayanand in the month of February 2018. The school children enthusiastically met the visitors, who motivated them to get educated and move forward in life. An interactive session took place between them where the youth encouraged the school children to do different innovative activities and also suggested ways to achieve success despite having difficulties in life.



Hyderabad Mahila Samiti

Karyakarta Samman Sammelan & Holi Milan



On 28th February, 2018, the Mahila Samiti of Hyderabad and members of SHSS assembled for Karyakarta Samman Sammelan and Holi Milan. It was the first venture of the Samiti and a humble beginning which took place after the FTS South Zone Meeting in Chennai.

Kochi Mahila Samiti

Distribution of fibre sheets, football & stitching machines



Smt. Seetha has been appointed as the Karyalaya Pramukh of FTS at Meenangadi Karyalaya. The Mahila Samiti supplied fibre sheets sponsored by Mrs. Sirish Lilladhar to Madamkunnu Village Vidyalaya. Children were also given a football along with an air pump, sponsored by Smt. Vimalaji of the Mahila Samiti. 4 Stitching Machines have been procured at the Meenangadi Karyalaya at the instance of Mahila Samiti, Kochi, for formation of SHGs by tribal women who are interested in forming tailoring units, and to provide training to them.

Vanyatra

In the month of March, 2018, Mahila Samiti Kochi, with the support of the youth wing celebrated Women's Day at 'Madamkunnu' and 'Karimathuvayal' villages. Games were conducted and prizes distributed to the winners. Also, women were trained in paper bag making by the youth wing headed by Ms. Aashritha.L.S and Mr. Thirumaal of Cognizant group. 15 youth visited the Ekal schools with the Mahila Samiti Kochi, and interacted with the students. It was a memorable Vanyatra for them.



WEST ZONE

Ahmedabad Mahila Samiti

Meeting on deciding action plans



President Urmila Kalantri and Secretary Vandana Tapadia organised a meeting of Ekal Mahila Samiti, Ahmedabad in January, 2018 to decide action plans for Beautician Workshop 'Care your skin & hair after forty', blanket and toys distribution in Jhalod and Dhawaria villages and detailed planning for 'Ekal Taar' with Hari Satsang Samiti.

Ekal Sur Ekal Taal Programme



Grand programme titled 'Ekal Sur Ekal Taal' was organised by Ekal Mahila Samiti, Ahmedabad Chapter in collaboration with 'Hari Satsang.'

Gwalior Mahila Samiti

Ek Shaam Kaviyon Ke Naam

On 7th January, 2018 Gwalior Mahila Samiti organised a Programme 'Ek Shaam Kaviyon Ke Naam.'

Woollens distribution on Makar Sankranti

On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, woollens were distributed to 30 full time karyakartas.



Indore Mahila Samiti

Library with educational toys



Indore Mahila Samiti has set up Libraries with educational toys. Presently, these libraries are functional at Sanch level and all the EkalVidyalayas under the Sanch are benefitting from them.

Staging of a Musical Play 'Mazaar'



Mahila Samiti, Indore invited all Donors to the Musical Play 'Mazaar' staged on 4th January, 2018 so as to strengthen their bonding with Ekal family. This programme was very successful. Pamphlets containing introduction of Mahila Samiti members as well as Ekal Darshan Progress Report were also distributed during the programme.

Ekal Sur Taal Programme

On 12th January, 2018, all artists of Ekal Sur Taal were felicitated with gift of Comforters by Indore Chapter Mahila Samiti.



Mahila Samiti's Holi Milan Utsav



Mahila Samiti's monthly meeting in Hotel Amar Vilas was conducted as a Holi Milan programme; everyone was welcomed with perfume and Gulaal, and served 'Thandai'. Eye Specialist Dr. Yashoda Lohia, invited to the programme was welcomed by the President and felicitated with a gift. She shared information about Eye Care and also advised members on their eye troubles. Participants enjoyed the Poetry recitation programme. Smt. Geetaji Mundra, Smt. Sushilaji Kabra, Smt. Manjulaji Bhutda recited poetry composed by themselves. So did Smt. Sunita Ved, Smt. Neeta Nagar, Smt. Sushilaji Lathi. Poetry on 'Body Donation' written by Smt. Manjulaji Bhutda was appreciated by everyone. The programme was followed by snacks.

Ekal Prachar

On 18th March, 2018 Indore Mahila Samiti took the initiative to spread awareness on Ekal; people were provided with Neem Juice. Pamphlets were distributed to make people aware about Ekal, as a result of which they were inspired and donated money for the education of rural and tribal children.

Mumbai Mahila Samiti

10th General Body Meeting (GBM)

Mumbai Mahila Samiti's 10th GBM took place on 24th February, 2018. Holi festival was also celebrated along with the GBM. All members participated in the Programme with lot of enthusiasm and colourful dresses.



Ram Navami Celebration



Ram Navami was celebrated where speakers from Art of Living scientifically explained the facts about the Festival and explained that Ram Darbar is a history and not just mythology; the Session was quite interesting.

Pune Mahila Samiti

Meeting for Sankranti Sankalp

Ekal Pune Mahila Samiti's January, 2018 meeting was held to plan Sankranti activities. Members generated excellent ideas. 160 ladies participated in 'Sankranti Sankalp' programme at 'Chatushrungi' Temple, on 14th January, 2018. The team managed to collect Rs.206011/- in cash and new dresses worth Rs.30000/-.



Vanyatra and Makar Sankranti Programme



President Anjali Tapadia, Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune felicitated 180 Acharyas and karykartas from 6 Sanchs on the occasion of Sankranti during Vanyatra at Rajpur on 17th January, 2018. New dresses were also distributed to Ekal students.

Felicitating Donors

FTS Donors were felicitated by Geetaji Mundra on behalf of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti who spoke during the programme on 'Apne Liye Jiye Toh Kya Jiye' at Pune on 22nd February, 2018 arranged by Pune Mahila Samiti.



Mahila Samiti Members with Mayor of Pune



Mahila Samiti Pune celebrated Hanuman Janmotsav in collaboration with Geeta Pariwar at Hanuman Temple located at Pune's historic Shaniwarwada. President Anjali Tapadia explained the work of Ekal & FTS to the audience and dignitaries at Hanuman Janmotsav programme. Pune's Mayor Mrs. Mukta Tilak was the Chief Guest.

Nasik Mahila Samiti

Celebration of Makar Sankranti



Mahila Samiti FTS Nasik President Sau. Aruna Laddha and Secretary Sau. Shilpa Mehta arranged a meeting of all Mahila Samiti members at Sau. Aruna Laddha's residence. Both of them along with all Mahila Samiti members took a different type of initiative for celebrating this year's Makar Sankranti. Mahila Samiti prepared 360 grocery kits along with household utility items for distribution.

President Sau. Arunaji Mahila Samiti FTS Ahmedabad and other members visited Trimbakeshwar, Peth & Surgana Talukas on 16th, 17th & 18th January 2018 and handed over the kits personally to all the Acharyas, Karyakartas & support staff of FTS Nasik chapter.

Surat Mahila Samiti

Mass Wedding



On 11th March, 2018 a mass wedding programme was organised Mahila Samiti FTS Surat, during which 21 tribal couples got married. These couples from Daang, Tapi and Narmada districts of Gujarat state had been brought together by Shiksha Samiti members and Karyakartas. Each couple was personally assisted by benefactors including 15 new donors and were gifted household goods worth Rs.50000/- as well as an FD of Rs.5000/-. The entire mass wedding programme was organised

by members of Mahila Samiti Surat. This programme was attended by Bajranglalji Bagra and received wide publicity in TV and print media.

Hanuman Temple Consecrated

Due to the efforts of Smt. Vijaya Kokda, President of FTS Mahila Samiti, Surat, Hanuman temple was consecrated at village Peepal Barda (Bopi) in Daang anchal of Gujarat. Over 3000 people from the village attended the consecration ceremony in January.

A free medical check-up and treatment camp was conducted on the same day. Medical services were provided by 8 Specialist Doctors from Surat and 2 Eye



Specialists from Vansada. Over 400 villagers suffering from various ailments received treatment and free medicines at this camp, while 450 men and women were given spectacles. Another 90 villagers will undergo eye surgery at Vansada hospital. 50 members from Surat were present during the camp.

Picnic with New Members



98 ladies participated in a picnic organised by Mahila Samiti of FTS Surat at Rajhans Ferriado on 27th February, 2018. It proved to be a very fruitful programme as Membership of 80 ladies was renewed during the event while 12 ladies joined as new members.

NORTH ZONE

Agra Mahila Samiti

Makar Sankranti Programme



On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, a Programme was organised on 14th January, 2018 by Agra Mahila Samiti at the Radhakrishna Mandir situated at Nehru Nagar. Sarees, salwar-suits, shawls etc were distributed among acharyas, full-time sevavratris and karyakaratas.

Jaipur Mahila Samiti

Makar Sankranti Programme

On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, a Programme was organised on 8th January, 2018 by Jaipur Mahila Samiti. Around 285 karyakartas received kurta – pyjamas, sarees.



Fag Utsav



Mahila Samiti celebrated 'Fag Utsav' on 21st February, 2018.

Vanyatra



A Vanyatra was conducted on 24th, 25th February, 2018 in Alwar. Total 42 Vanyatris participated in the Programme. During this Vanyatra, 'Teachers Samman Samaroh' programme also took place. Acharyas received water coolers, shawls, kurta-pyjamas, salwar-suits etc as gifts from the vanyatris.

Annual General Meeting

On 28th March, 2018, Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Jaipur Mahila Samiti took place; the 'Gangaur' Utsav also merged with AGM.



Jodhpur Mahila Samiti

Holi Celebration



On 26th February, 2018, Jodhpur Mahila Samiti celebrated Holi with foreign guests at the Centre Place, Ghantaghar. The aim of celebrating this festival was to promote the 'SAVE WATER' theme and therefore only dry colours were used at the festival.

New Delhi Mahila Samiti

Makar Sankranti

On the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti, gifts were distributed to the full-time karyakartas.



Bhajan Sandhya and Sundarkand

In February and March 2018, New Delhi Mahila Samiti organised two programmes on the auspicious occasion of Mahashivratri and Shree Hanuman Jayanti; these are Bhajan Sandhya and Sundarkand

