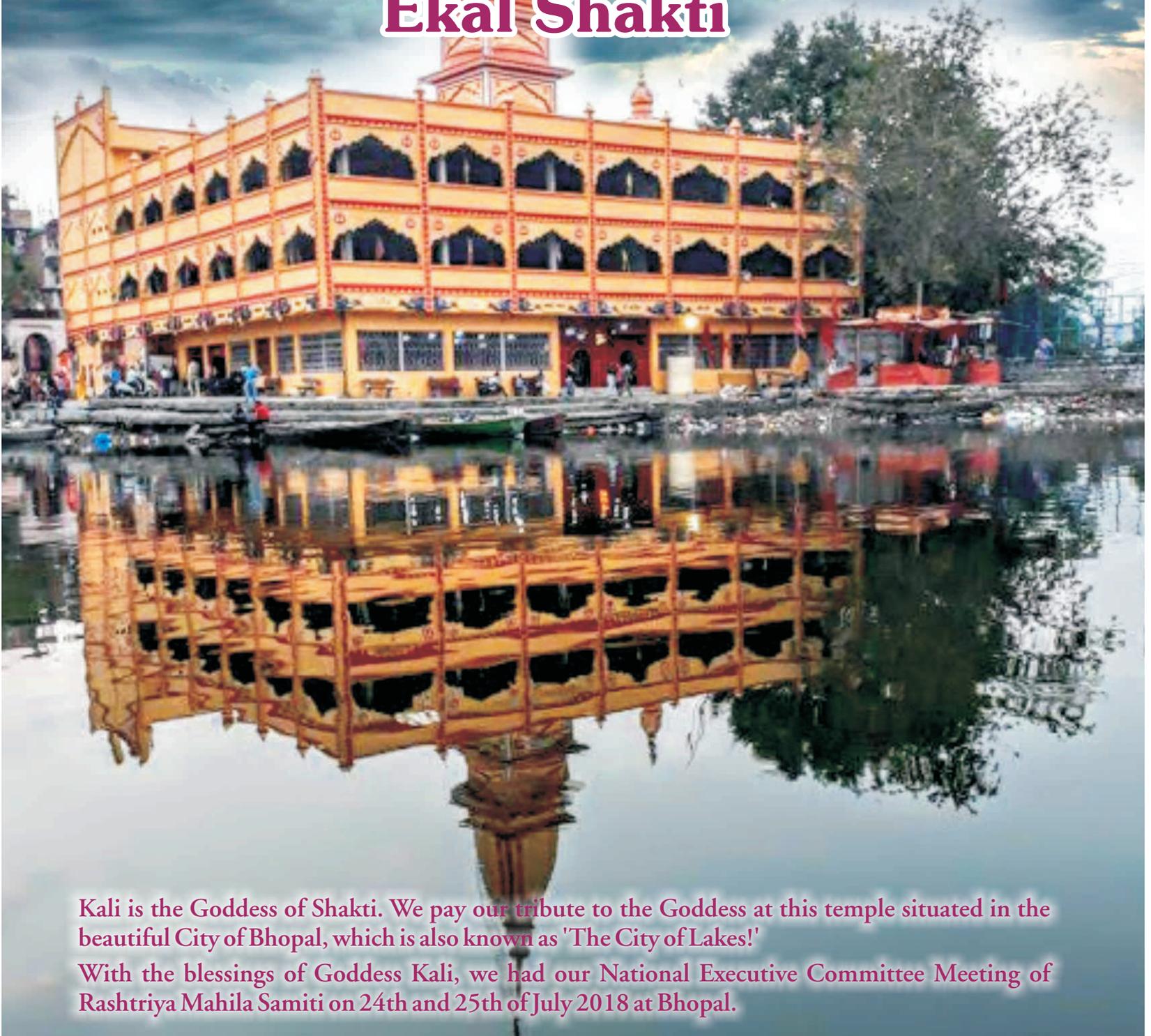




Vanbandhu Parishad Rashtriya Mahila Samiti Ekal Shakti



Kali is the Goddess of Shakti. We pay our tribute to the Goddess at this temple situated in the beautiful City of Bhopal, which is also known as 'The City of Lakes!'

With the blessings of Goddess Kali, we had our National Executive Committee Meeting of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti on 24th and 25th of July 2018 at Bhopal.

अध्यक्षीय मनोगत



“दानाय तस्मै नमः”

मानव धर्म सबसे बड़ा धर्म है | इसमें दृढ़ निष्ठा रखने वाला व्यक्ति शक्तिशाली होता है | जिन लोगो के आस पास वह रहता है, उनके सुख में सुखी और उनके दुःख में दुखी होना ही धर्माचरण माना जाता है | “किसी के काम आ जाओ की भावना सुख व संतोष देती है |

दया, करुणा, संवेदनाओ की तरंगो के बीच मन कुछ देने या बांटने को मचलता है तब यह बांटना व्यक्तिगत न होकर सार्वभौमिक हो जाता है | यह समर्पण का भाव ही दान कहलाता है यह भंडार चाहे वित्त का हो, संचय सेवा का हो, समय का हो या ज्ञान का, उसे मुक्त हाथो से लुटाने का जब मन हो, यही दान है | दान में अहंकार नहीं संवेदना निहित हो, तो वह पुण्य कर्म कहलाता है |

एकल अभियान में इस पुण्य कर्म को उपहार योजना के नाम से जाना जाता है | संक्रांति पर्व को दान पर्व कहा गया है | इस अवसर पर प्रत्येक व्यक्ति के मन में श्रद्धा व समर्पण का भाव अपेक्षाकृत अधिक होता है | एकल विद्यालय के आचार्य विद्या दान देते हैं, वही सेवाव्रती कार्यकर्ता समय दान कर समाज सेवा में संलग्न हैं |

नगरवासी इनकी सेवाओ का सम्मान करे तथा अंतर्मन से इनके साथ तारतम्य स्थापित कर इन्हें प्रोत्साहित करे | नगर महिला समिति की बहनों का यह प्रिय एवं श्रेष्ठ प्रकल्प हो गया है | प्रतिवर्ष हजारो कार्यकर्ताओं को उपहार देकर सम्मानित करना संतुष्टि प्रदान करता है | एकल अभियान के सभी आयामों से संबद्ध नारी शक्ति ने पूरी योजना के सफल संचालन का दायित्व लिया है | सभी बहनों का अभिवादन |

हमारे यहाँ “नेकी कर कुएं में डाल”, “भलाई करो और भूल जाओ” जैसे वाक्य दाता भाव को सार्थक करते हैं | दाता बनना आसान नहीं, परन्तु असंभव भी नहीं है | श्रद्धा में समर्पण होता है, इस से जीवन में परिवर्तन आता है, हमारा विश्वास है कि - स्नान से शरीर की, ध्यान से मन की, दान से धन की शुद्धी होती है |

अतः पराई पीर से द्रवित मन मचले, किसी वंचित की झोली भरने |

असीमित संतोष का एहसास तब होगा, जब कोई कहेगा, “दानाय तस्मै नमः |

गीता मुंडडा, इंदौर

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राष्ट्रीय महिला समिति

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Message from the Secretary



How Ekal is working towards building a strong nation

Our country is blessed to have given birth to many spiritual teachers and leaders who have guided us to lead a harmonious life.

Our rich cultural heritage has transmitted immense wealth of knowledge and skills through generations and has shaped our lives. Indian philosophy, literature, Art, Music, Architecture, Medicine etc. are our assets and being admired across the globe. It is the impact of our rich cultural background that our country is recognised as a peace loving country. Then what stops us from prospering at a faster pace?

All the children born to a mother are not the same. Some may be bright and intelligent, while some may be dull. You can understand the agony of a mother when she sees that her weak child is not being supported and noticed, but is being treated with harsh words by the family. In today's busy life, all are striving to achieve more, and gain more. If only we can do our bit for the family/society and respect each other's cultural identity, create a bond of love and trust, we can prosper.

Trust is the key note. Our country was ruled for several years by foreigners only because we lacked trust in each other and fell into the fowl trap of those who impressed us to serve their own ends. Swami Vivekananda used to say, "There have been devils everywhere more or less in all ages. We have to be cautious of such evils in our society, and defeat them. We have to remember that despite all the resources at our disposal, whenever Indian society has been divided, whenever there have been internal conflicts, external enemies have taken advantage."

We must learn from our mistakes and also learn by our success stories.

Ekal Movement is spreading love and happiness in the villages. We all know that for our Acharyas of Ekal Vidyalyas, teaching is not a profession but a passion, as it shapes the lives of rural children. Apart from imparting ethics and education we are also creating an atmosphere of harmony and trust in more than 76,000 villages across the country and soon our reach will be in one lakh villages. As proud mothers, we all find satisfaction to be a part of Ekal, as we are witnessing the change it is bringing in the lives of our rural children and folks.

I take this opportunity to thank those who are devoting so much of their time and efforts for the cause.

Lata Malpani

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NEWS FROM RASHTRIYA MAHILA SAMITI

Annual General Meeting of RMS

Annual General Meeting of RMS was held in Bhopal on 24th and 25th July 2018, which was attended by 101 members. 67 members of 21 Mahila Samities across the country and 34 Local members participated. RMS gave awards for the first time. 16 performance awards in 5 categories and 7 Certificates of appreciation were given to the deserving Mahila Samities in AGM.



Two special awards for individual appreciation were given as below:



Life Time Achievement Award was given to Smt. Ratni Devi Kabra, Patron of FTS RMS and President's special award was given to Smt. Kunjalata Bhansali of Mumbai Mahila Samiti. Both the awards were given for their devotion towards FTS from its inception.

NEWS FROM RASHTRIYA MAHILA SAMITI

Ekal Prachar - Prasar



Anjali Tapadia, President Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune gave a very interesting presentation on 'Ekal Prachar- Prasar' at the Annual General Meeting of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti held in Bhopal on 25th of July. In her presentation, she explained the way Pune team approaches potential CSR fund donors and other organisations and familiarises them with the working of Ekal & FTS by way of PPT presentation and by distribution of brochures.

Formation of Youth Group

To encourage all the Mahila Samities to form Yuva group in their cities, Yuvas from Indore were invited to Bhopal to share their views regarding their role in Ekal. Mrs. Neha Mittal and her team conducted an interactive session which was very informative and entertaining too.



NEWS FROM SAMITIS: NORTH EAST ZONE Dibrugarh

Interactive Programme with teachers



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.

गुवाहाटी

पर्यावरणदिवस के उपलक्ष में महिला समितिकी सदस्याओंने नगांव अंचल के बटद्रवा संच में दौरा किया तथा आचार्यों और कार्यकर्ताओं को पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिये 500 पौधोंका वितरण किया ।

7 जून को महिला समितिने नगांव अंचल के सिलचांग तथा रोहा संच के समापन सत्र में भाग लियां । इस दिन अचानक भारी वर्षा होने के उपरांत भी सभी सदस्याएं उत्साह के साथ पानी में पैदल चलकर केन्द्र तक पहुंची। वर्गमें 51 आचार्यों ने भाग लिया। आस-पास के गांवों के ग्रामप्रमुख, संच.प्रमुख उपस्थित थे। वर्ग में तीन स्कूलों के बच्चों ने हिस्सा लिया। इस दौरान महिला समिति की ओर से बच्चों के बीच बिस्किट एवं चॉकलेट बांटी तथा सभी आचार्यों को एक-एक मेखला चददर एवं पांच-पांच पौधे दिये गए ।



जुलाई माह में गुवाहाटी महिला समिति को एकल अभियान के महामंत्री श्री माधवेन्द्र सिंहजी ने सम्बोधित किया। उन्होंने सभी सदस्याओं का मार्गदर्शन किया। इस सभा में अंचलों के प्रभारी के रूपमें कुछ सदस्याओं की नियुक्ति भी की गयी।

EAST ZONE

Bhubaneswar

Fund Raising Programme



On 6th May 2018, Bhubaneswar Mahila Samiti organised a Film Show of "102 Not Out" as a Fund Raising Programme. A total of 375 people participated in the programme and many of them became aware about FTS.

Kshitij Exhibition



On 3rd and 4th July 2018, Bhubaneswar Mahila Samiti organised Kshitij Exhibition at Hotel Marrison, Bhubaneswar. There were 60 stalls where the vendors from various parts of the country participated. The programme was covered well by the Media.

Dhanbad

Vanyatra

16 Members of Dhanbad Mahila Samiti went to Bonikdih Village on 10th April, 2018. They had interactive sessions with 70 children present there. Members, children and acharyas had lots of fun together. Diaries, pens and other gifts were distributed among children.



Another Vanyatra was held with Delhi Public School on 7th June 2018 to Palani Village and the students from 10th, 11th and 12th Standards participated in the Programme. Dhanbad MS played the role of Motivator in this Vanyatra. There were sessions of Quiz and urban children were quite surprised to see the knowledge level of Ekal students. A Drawing Competition was organised and children received gifts. The other aim was to familiarise the participants about Ekal Yuva Shakti.

Joint Initiative by Dhanbad FTS and Dainik Bhaskar

Dhanbad Mahila Samiti and Dainik Bhaskar took up some initiatives on

Save Birds

Save Our Environment

To distribute Sakora (Waterpots) to people which they can place outside their homes to provide water for birds

To set up a stall at the Exhibition organized by Exotica where organic products will be made available, and gain publicity for Ekal

जमशेदपुर

5 जूनको पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर पटमदा संच के गोलकाटा गांवमें महिला समितिने वनयात्रा के दौरान वृक्षारोपण किया। बच्चोंने कई फलदार पौधे लगाए, अमरूद, नीम, गुलमोहर, जामुन, अर्जुन इत्यादि।



Kolkata

Cooking Workshop & Competition



Kolkata Mahila Samiti organised Mrs Chef (Cooking Workshop and Competition) on 10th April. The members performed dance and songs.

East Zone Meeting held in Kolkata

On 7th May, meeting of East Zone was held at the residence of Smt. Shanta Sarada. This was attended by National President Smt. Geetaji Mundra from Indore, National Secretary, Smt. Lataji Malpani from Chennai and the members of 5 Samitis of East Zone - Ranchi, Dhanbad, Siliguri, Jamshedpur and Bhubaneswar.

Every Samiti presented their reports and benefitted with the exchange of ideas.

The meeting was graced by the working President of FTS Shri Ramesh ji Saraogi who praised the efforts by all the Mahila Samitis. Shri Narendra ji Singhal of FTS Indore also graced the meeting with his presence.

Rajyog Meditation

Kolkata Mahila Samiti organised a workshop on Rajyog meditation on 21st to 23rd May. This was held at Kiran Saraogi's residence.



रायपुर

रायपुर महिला समिति ने विगत दिनों पं. जे. एन. पांडे शासकीय हायरसेकेण्डरी स्कूल में बच्चों के साथ विभिन्न प्रजातियों के पौधों का रोपण किया। साथ ही पौधों की सुरक्षा के लिए ट्री-गार्ड भी लगाए, पौधारोपण में स्कूल के शिक्षकों ने भी सराहनीय योगदान दिया। महिला समिति की सुनीला अग्रवाल ने पौधारोपण के दौरान स्कूली बच्चों को पर्यावरण के संरक्षण की जानकारी दी और इस दिशा में लोगों को जागरूक करने तथा वर्ष में कम से कम एक पौधा लगाने का आह्वान किया।



महिला समिति द्वारा गुरुवार को अनुपमगार्डन में चिड़ियों के पानी पीने के लिए सकोरे वितरण किये गये, महिला समिति ने लोगों को बताया कि भीषण गर्मी में पक्षियों को भुख प्यास से बचाने की दिशा में परिषद ने कार्ययोजना बनाई है। साथ ही वनबंधु परिषद की प्रणाली के संबंध में चर्चा करते हुए नई कार्ययोजना पर विचार किया गया। इस दौरान अनेक लोगोंने सदस्यता भी ग्रहण की।

सिलीगुड़ी

सिलीगुड़ी महिला समितिने ग्रीष्मकालीन शिविर का आयोजन किया। यह शिविर परिषद कार्यालय में ही सम्पन्न हुआ। इसमें 36 शहरी छात्र एवं 32 एकल विद्यालय के बच्चों ने भाग लिया। इस शिविर का आरम्भ ऊँकार ध्वनी एवं मंत्रोच्चारण के द्वारा हुआ। बच्चों को नृत्य, भजन, हस्तकला, विवज प्रतियोगिता, स्वच्छता एवं संस्कार की शिक्षा दी गई। शिविर में भाग लेने वाले बच्चों को पुरस्कार देकर सम्मानित किया गया।



SOUTH ZONE

Kochi

Visit by National heads

On the visit by National Secretary, Smt. Lata ji Malpani and South Zone Chairperson, Smt. Vimla ji Damani, two meetings were held on 22nd June; one with mahila members and guests and another with M/s. Cognizant.

PPT presentation and talk was given by Smt Lataji which resulted in on spot registration for membership by 12 Mahilas and Cognizant personnel Mr. Aby Georgis got interested in Ekal Mobile Van and asked to send the details. Mrs. Damani inspired the Mahilas to work together towards the goal of FTS. Youth of cognizant also attended the meeting and shared their experiences of Vanyatra, where they were very impressed by the enthusiasm of the children of Ekal Vidyalayas.

Induction of New Members



In June 2018, several new members were inducted in Kochi Mahila Samiti and thereby Committee of Mahila Samiti was expanded. Bapuji Shri. Rameshwarlalji Kabra and Ma Smt. Ratni Devi Kabra were present in the Programme.

Felicitation Programme

On 30th July, 2018, Bapuji and Ma visited Kochi Mahila Samiti at a Grand Felicitation Programme. In this Programme, new members, karyakartas and tribal friends from Attapadi were present. Ekal student Smt. Bindu from Wyanad who obtained 4th rank in Political Science from Kannur University was presented an award by the Managing Committee.

WEST ZONE

Ahmedabad

Seva Patra Distribution

In the month of July, 2018, President Smt. Urmila Kalantri and members of MS of Ahmedabad made 100 Seva Patras and distributed among the young members of #1 Web Designing Company as well to many others. They also familiarised them with the working of Ekal and FTS.



Gwalior

AGM



On 16th April, 2018 National President Smt. Geetaji Mundra was present in the AGM and felicitated members; she also distributed the Telephone Directories 2018-19 of RMS.

Sundarkand Path

On 20th June, 2018, Sundarkand Path was conducted during Adhik Maas at the Joint Secretary's residence. Guests were informed about the activities of Ekal in nearby villages. One of the guests was very much motivated and joined as a new member.

Talk on Bhagini Nivedita

On 4th July talk about Bhagini Nivedita, her dedication & Sevasankalp was held at our Joint Treasurer's home. Dr. Sangeeta Gokhale, Patron as well as Kshetriya Sanyojika of two areas in Vishwa Hindu Parishad Matru Shakti Seva Prakalp, was the speaker.

Musical Evening

On 29th July, 2018, a Musical Evening was organised titled "Madhuban Khushboo Deta Hai." The Programme generated awareness on Ekal.



Indore

Donating a Computer Van



Indore Mahila Samiti dedicated a Computer Van for people at hands of Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker of Lok Sabha on 19th April 2018 at Smt. Sitadevi Jainarayanji Jaju Maheshwari Hostel. In her address, Smt. Mahajan said that the work being done by FTS for the benefit of rural and tribal children in far flung areas is extremely admirable. Shri Amitiji and Smt. Arpitaji Bhandari, the main donors for the Computer Van were also present on this occasion.

A Flight of Dreams, A Joyful Fare

A grand exhibition was arranged by Indore Mahila Samiti, at the local Dastur Garden in which women entrepreneurs from Indore as well as Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata displayed their designer dresses and other attractive products. These were highly appreciated by visitors who made lots of purchases. A Movie was also shown to familiarise people with the work of FTS. Many viewers were very much influenced by it and pledged to join and serve the Institution. They received a lot of information through the literature displayed at FTS stall in the exhibition.



जयपुर

अंचल अलवर के संच विराटनगर के ग्राम पापड़ी में अन्तराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस मनाया गया ।

28 जुलाई को कोइम्बटुर से पधारी केन्द्रिय सहअभियान प्रमुख के साथ अलवर अंचल में आचार्यों व महिलाओं को Sanitary pads का वितरण किया गया ।



जोधपुर

अप्रैल 2018 में पाक विस्थापित हिन्दु परिवारोंके लिए गर्मी के चलते पानी के टेंकर डलवाये। बच्चों को पढ़ाने के लिए पुस्तकें, स्लेट, पेन-पेंसिल, स्कूलबैग व स्टेशनरी वितरित की।

मई 2018 में सत्संग समिति को बुलाकर हरिकीर्तन का प्रोग्राम किया।

जून 2018 में अमेरिका से आये परिवार को पाली के चौसड़ी गाँव वनयात्रा करवाई तथा उन्हें एकल विद्यालय के बारे में विस्तार से जानकारी दी।



Mumbai

AGM

The First AGM (2018 – 19) was held in April 2018 which was hosted by Mumbai Mahila Samiti President Smt. Chhaya Kabra. More than 35 members attended the Meeting. 30 members provided their names for 'Mamta Ki Chhaon' Project.

Ruchika Exhibition



Mumbai Mahila Samiti participated in Ruchika Exhibition at NSCI SVP Stadium on 23rd and 24th June 2018.

Vanyatra



A Vanyatra for a group of 15 Yuvas was organised to introduce them to Ekal System.

GBM

Renowned Speaker Shri Jaiprakashji Kabra was invited to render a Motivational Speech during the 3rd GBM of Mumbai Mahila Samiti.

नागपुर

नागपुर महिला समिति के अध्यक्ष श्रीमती उर्मिला अग्रवाल द्वारा नासिक से प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करके आये श्रीहरि सत्संग के कथाकारों का कुरता पैजामा व शॉल देकर स्वागत किया गया।



Pune

Speech by Dr. Sanjay Upadhye



At the Mega Event conducted by Mahila Samiti of Ekal Pune, everyone present thoroughly enjoyed 'Jeevanand yahase kaha', an enlightening speech by Dr. Sanjay Upadhye. Members of Mahila Samiti of Ekal Pune and very enthusiastic and dedicated members of 'We support Tribals' group formed by Mahila Samiti of Ekal Pune had jointly organised this event.

Ekal Prachar at 'Bhagwat Katha' and ARK Exhibition



In June'18 at ARK Exhibition and at Bhagwat Katha, members of Mahila Samiti of Ekal Pune distributed over 700 pamphlets about Adhik Maas Donation and succeeded in collecting Rs.180000/-. Total 5 schools were adopted by different donors. Mahila Samiti bought 230 books for Mobile Library at Ekal schools and also backpacks, stationary and water bottles as gifts for Ekal students.

Installation of Mobile Books Library



Using the 230 books bought out of Adhik Maas donations Mahila Samiti installed mobile books library at Ekal schools at village Ghanghaldare and at Pimperwadi School in village Amboli and distributed backpacks, stationary and water bottles to students of 30 Ekal Schools in Narayangaon Anchal during Van Yatra on 8th July'18.

Surat

Saksham

A 10 day training program 'Saksham' covering soft skills, computer literacy, account keeping, English language, report writing etc for SevaVratris of Surat Chapter was inaugurated on 18th June 2018. This very first 'Saksham' programme conducted with the help of Agram Skill development Centre, saw participation by 12 SevaVratris from Gujarat's Dang, Tapi, Narmada, Bharuch, Chhota Udaipur, Mahisagar and Dahodanchals. This work is being carried out by highly educated young members of the



Chapter, under the guidance President VijayaKokda and other members of Surat Chapter MS. These young members were inducted into YuvaSabha in 2016, familiarised with Ekal for two years, and are now so well assimilated into Ekal that they successfully carried out the Saksham training programme.

Formation of Songarh Anchal Mahila Samiti

In the month of June'18 President Vijaya Kokda, Vice President Muktaji and Treasurer Padmaji, guided the members of Surat Mahila Samiti in forming Songadh Anchal Mahila Samiti. Smt. Vaishaliji Biyani was appointed as the President, Smt. Rajashri Chandratre and 12 new members joined the Samiti. They have planned to establish GRC at Songadh and have begun their work enthusiastically starting with classes to teach tailoring, paper bag making, kitchen gardens etc.

Establishment of Libraries



Surat Mahila Samiti is establishing libraries from 2017 for students of 90 Ekal schools in BalpurSanch of Tapi Anchal. Feedback received during Van Yatra in July'18 was that not only the children, but even adults in the villages use the library books to gain knowledge. They plan to create libraries for all 1080 Ekal Schools in Gujarat, at an estimated cost of Rs.2000 each, for which they will collect funds too.

NORTH ZONE

New Delhi

Karyakarta Samman Samaroh



A Programme titled “Karyakarta Samman Samaroh” was organised by New Delhi Mahila Samiti In the Programme Miss Priyanka Dihingia, a fulltime volunteer was invited and was presented with a gift hamper for the occasion of her wedding. A few Seva Patras also were distributed to members for fund raising.