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It is our tradition from the 'Gurukul Period' to give gifts, on the occasion of Makar Sankranti to Brahmans who are our 'Gurus' and 'Acharyas'. This gifting, called 'Daan', embodies our desire to express our gratitude to our Teachers. At Ekal, our Acharyas are the real, ground level teachers. So are the Purna Kalik Karyakartas who have submitted their lives to the cause of Nation Building through their services to Ekal.

To motivate and encourage these grass-root Nation Builders and also to express our gratitude towards them, Rashtriya Mahila Samiti of Ekal Abhiyan has made a commitment (Sankalpa) to felicitate all the Acharyas and Karyakartas, by giving them gifts on the auspicious occasion of Makar Sankranti.

अध्यक्षीय मनोगत



दायित्व बोध

“भूमे मातनि धेहि मां भद्रया सुप्रतिष्ठितम्” ।
“संविदानां दिवा कवे, श्रियां मां धेहि भूत्याम्” ।

अर्थात :- जो मनुष्य उत्तम भाव से पृथ्वी पर अपना कर्तव्य पालते हैं,
वे बड़ी प्रतिष्ठा पाकर ऐश्वर्यवान व श्रीमान होते हैं ।

जीवन के प्रत्येक स्तर पर सभी भूमिकाओं में कर्तव्य पालन आवश्यक है । घर में गृहस्थ-कर्तव्य, समाज के प्रति दायित्व बोध और राष्ट्र के प्रति अपनी जिम्मेदारी के साथ जो श्रेष्ठ कर्म मानव सेवा के लिए किये जाते हैं वह कर्म “**यज्ञ**” बन जाता है ।

मनुष्य एक सामाजिक प्राणी है । समाज ने जो कुछ दिया है उसे सामाजिक ऋण मानकर क्षमता-नुसार तन – मन – धन – बुद्धि से देश के विकास में सहभागी बनकर वह उऋण होना चाहता है । कार्यों के प्रति कटिबद्धता व प्रतिबद्धता ही **दायित्व बोध** है ।

वनबन्धु परिषद ने पंचमुखी शिक्षा के माध्यम से गाँवों का विकास करते हुए राष्ट्र की उन्नति की संकल्पना की है । सद्गुणी सदैव सद्कर्मों की ओर प्रवृत्त रहता है । कर्म ज्ञान का प्रज्वलन है । एकल अभियान के सभी आयामों को दृढ़ इच्छा शक्ति वाले कर्मवीरों की आवश्यकता है । वक्त के साथ तकाजे बदल जाते हैं । आज हर क्षेत्र में महिला शक्ति अपनी योग्यता एवं क्षमता का परिचय दे रही है । संक्रांति उपहार योजना के तहत 79,000 से अधिक आचार्यों एवं 10,000 पूर्णकालीन कार्यकर्ताओं के लिए धन संग्रह, सामग्री मंगाना एवं अंतिम छोर तक पहुँचाना एक चुनौती है, परन्तु इस पावन कार्य को प्रत्येक बहन अपना दायित्व समझकर पूरा करेगी ऐसा पूर्ण विश्वास है । राष्ट्र के प्रति जिम्मेदारी का भाव ही देश को महान बनाता है । हमारा देश ही हमारी पहचान है, यही भाव है – **दायित्व बोध** ।

गीता मूंदड़ा, इंदौर
अध्यक्ष राष्ट्रीय महिला समिति

मकर संक्रान्ति का महत्व व हमारी भूमिका



मकर संक्रान्ति का त्यौहार आभार व्यक्त करने का त्यौहार है। मुख्यतः यह त्यौहार समाज में सामंजस्य बनाए रखने की एक वैदिक सोच है। मकर संक्रान्ति के अवसर पर १४ ब्राह्मणों को उपहार देने की प्रथा प्रचलित है। वैदिक काल में ब्राह्मणों की गणना समाज के शिक्षित वर्गों में की जाती थी। उनके धैर्य और तपस्या भरे जीवन को देख, समाज उन्हें बड़े सम्मान व आदर की दृष्टि से देखता था। यज्ञ, हवन, कथा के अतिरिक्त ये ब्राह्मण गुरुकुल भी चलाते थे जहां बाल्यकाल से ही बच्चे शिक्षा प्राप्त करते थे। इन ब्राह्मणों के सरल व समर्पित जीवन को देखते हुए उनकी जीविका का उत्तरदायित्व समाज अपनी जिम्मेदारी समझता था। इसलिए समाज के लोगों ने मिलकर यह प्रथा बनाई कि क्यों न सभी अपने अपने घरों से इन ब्राह्मणों को इनके उपयोग में आने वाली वस्तुओं का उपहार दे उनके प्रति अपनी कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करें। चूंकि मकर संक्रान्ति का दिन दान पुण्य की दृष्टि से श्रेष्ठ माना जाता था इसलिए यह दिन इस प्रथा के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ माना गया।

आज भी हमारे देश में यह वैदिक प्रथा प्रचलित है। जब हम वनबन्धु परिषद के आचार्यों और कार्यकर्ताओं को देखते हैं तो हमें उनमें समाज के उत्थान के प्रति वही समर्पण देखने को मिलता है, जो वैदिक काल में आचार्यों के हुआ करते थे। आज हम एक 'एकल विद्यालय' का संचालन एक वर्ष के लिए मात्र **20,000** रुपए में करते हैं। इसी राशि में पूरे वर्ष का आचार्य का मानधन, कार्यकर्ताओं का मानधन भी निहित है। यही प्रमाणित करता है कि एकल के आचार्य और कार्यकर्ता धन के कारण नहीं बल्कि मन के कारण इस अभियान से जुड़े हुए हैं।

ये जुड़े हुए हैं, क्योंकि अपने प्रयासों से गांवों में होते हुए सकारात्मक परिवर्तनों के ये स्वयं साक्षी हैं। वे देख रहे हैं कि बच्चे संस्कारी हो रहे हैं, शिक्षा में उनकी रुचि बढ़ रही है। एकल अभियान की पंचमुखी योजना से गांव वाले स्वावलम्बी हो रहे हैं, जागरूक हो रहे हैं; और यही सकारात्मक परिवर्तन इनकी प्रेरणा का स्रोत भी है।

मकर संक्रान्ति का महत्व व हमारी भूमिका

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हमारे देश के **79,000** से भी अधिक एकल विद्यालयों के आचार्य व **10,000** पूर्णकालीन सेवाव्रती आज ग्रामीण बच्चों की शिक्षा, संस्कार व उनके उज्ज्वल भविष्य के लिए समर्पित हैं। मकर संक्रान्ति की प्राचीन परम्परा को देखते हुए हमारा यह दायित्व बनता है कि इस अवसर पर हम ऐसे व्यक्तियों को सम्मानित करें, जो निःस्वार्थ भाव से समाज के उत्थान में लगे हुए हैं।

आज हमारे इन आचार्यों व पूर्णकालीन सेवाव्रतियों का समर्पण देख, हमारा यह दायित्व बनता है कि हम भी इस पावन अवसर पर उनके प्रति अपना अपना आभार प्रकट करें।

आज देश भर में वनबन्धु परिषद के अन्तर्गत **33** महिला समितियां हैं, जो अपने मित्रों व परिवार के सदस्यों के माध्यम से इतने बड़े आचार्य समुदाय व पूर्णकालीन सेवाव्रतियों को मकर संक्रान्ति के अवसर पर उपहार उपलब्ध कराने हेतु न सिर्फ धन संग्रह करती हैं बल्कि इन उपहारों के व्यवस्थित रूप से वितरण का भी प्रबंध करती हैं।

हर वर्ष की भांति इस वर्ष भी मकर संक्रान्ति के इस पावन अवसर पर हम सब बहिनें मिलकर इन आचार्यों और कार्यकर्ताओं को अपना प्रेम संक्रांति उपहार के माध्यम से भेज, सम्मानित करने के लिए तत्पर हैं।

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Rashtriya Mahila Samiti Awarded on 15th August, 2018



It was a happy moment for everyone in Rashtriya Mahila Samiti, as they were honoured with two awards. One was the **Performance Award 2017-18** for their organized working and another was a personalized **Encouragement Award** to **Smt. Lataji Malpani, General Secretary of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti** for all her efforts towards organized working. Both these awards were presented by the Governing Board of FTS on 15th August 2018 at the AGM held by them at Ekal Bhawan, Kolkata.

Rashtriya Mahila Samiti was formed in the year 2011, under the Patronage of Smt. Ratni Devi Kabra, under the Presidentship of Smt. Pushpaji Mundhra with Smt. Geetaji Mundhra as its General Secretary and Smt. Lataji Malpani, as its Treasurer. The Committee of 15 members worked for 6 years from 2011-17. In these 6 years, Smt. Lataji Malpani not only served as a Treasurer but gradually started working towards the better management of the Samiti. It was her dream that FTS Rashtriya Mahila Samiti should be recognized as '**A well organized Samiti**'. Both these awards were a dream come true for all. The whole hearted support of all the Mahila Samiti members in working towards its better management was the key factor to the success.

In Sept 2017 Smt. Geetaji Mundhra took charge as President and Smt. Lataji Malpani as the General Secretary. Today Rashtriya Mahila Samiti can proudly say that all its 33 Mahila Samitis are enthusiastic and are confident of facing new challenges in the future.

News from Samitis

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Events and Projects, August to November 2018

Kolkata Mahila Samiti,



कोलकाता महिला समिति ने 10 अगस्त को सावन के सिंधारा का आयोजन किया। समिति की सदस्याओं ने मनोरंजक नाटिका, नृत्य एवं वन्देमातरम् गीत की प्रस्तुति की। 15 सितंबर को जन्माष्टमी के उत्सव पर एक नृत्य नाटिका का मंचन किया गया। गौ माता का हमारे जीवन में महत्व तथा गौ रक्षा पर सारगर्भित प्रस्तुति की गयी।



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Jamshedpur Mahila Samiti,



जमशेदपुर महिला समिति ने 1 सितंबर 2018 को "रविन्द्र भवन" साकची में "एकल सुर एकल ताल" का शानदार कार्यक्रम किया। दीप प्रज्वलन के उपरांत समिति की बहनों ने एकल गीत प्रस्तुत किया। कलाकारों की शानदार प्रस्तुति ने दर्शकों का मन मोह लिया। इसी दौरान "सेवा पत्र"का प्रछेप्रण भी किया गया। सभागार में उपस्थित तकरीबन 800 दर्शकों ने इसकी सराहना की। सभी सँचों से कुल 276 आचार्य भी शामिल रहे।



जमशेदपुर महिला समिति ने 30 सितंबर '18 को बळीचेला स्कूल, सोनारी में समृद्धि मेला का सफल आयोजन किया। इस मेला में, ऐसे पुराने कपड़े या घरेलू चीजें जो नए जैसे हों, उनकी प्रदर्शनी लगाई जाती है तथा बेहद निम्न कीमतों में बिक्री की जाती है ताकि बस्ती में रहने वाले लोग लाभान्वित हो सकें। लोगों के अत्यधिक मांग पर 6 अक्टूबर '18 को भाटिया बस्ती में पुनः समृद्धि मेला का सफल आयोजन किया गया।

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Ranchi Mahila Samiti,



Ranchi Mahila Samiti organized Rakshabandhan celebration with Purnkalin Karyakartas on 29th August. Members participated enthusiastically, resulting in fresh motivation for karyakartas



Ranchi Mahila Samiti organized a Vanyatra on 12th November to Ambatoli Gaon. This coincided with the visit of the Rashtriya Mahila Samiti Past President Smt Pushpaji Mundra and Smt. Shantaji. As part of Sneh Sampark Yojna members of Mahila Samiti, along with visiting dignitaries met Ekal children and Acharyas at their homes in the village.

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Events and Projects, August to November 2018

Dibrugarh Mahila Samiti,



On the occasion of Gopa Ashtami Mela, Dibrugarh Mahila Samiti organized an Art Competition at Dibrugarh in which 64 Ekal students from 30 Sanchs of FTS from nearby villages took part. They came with their Acharyas to Dibrugarh on 16th November'18 to participate in the Gopa Ashtami Mela. 10 of these students who were highly skilled in handicrafts, gave an on-the-spot demonstration of earthen lamp making, colouring and flower making. The Art Competition was organized amidst people from the town, in which the participants spread the colours of their imagination. Prizes, gifts and snacks were distributed to all, so as to create awareness about Ekal among all participants as well as the audience and message of Ekal could reach them.

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Guwahati Mahila Samiti,



The Mahila Samiti of Guwahati Chapter arranged a Vanyatra to the newly formed Baksa Anchal. The visitors inspected Ekal school, gave gifts to children and were extremely pleased with their experience. The program was so successful that a news item was also published in local newspapers. The event provided a great opportunity for spreading awareness about Ekal among citizen of Guwahati



Members of Guwahati Mahila Samiti visited Masik Abhyas Varg of Jagi Road Sanch and Roha Sanch of Nagaon Anchal on 25th Nov. They discussed their activities and tried to solve their problems. Also inspired the Karyakartas to make and sell their local products to enhance their earnings. It was a wonderful experience for all participants

In a series of exhibitions held on October 12th, 22nd and 23rd 2018, Mahila Samiti of Guwahati had kept for sale Pheny and diya made by Karyakartas from Nagaon Sanch. Karyakartas were happy to see the good public response for their products.



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Siligudi Mahila Samiti,



Siligudi Mahila Samiti actively conducted a programme on 5th November 2018 in collaboration with Lions Club of Siligudi Terai on the occasion of Teachers' Day to felicitate Acharyas of Naxalbari Anchal.



On 15th November, the Mahila Samiti celebrated Janmashtami in the Chapter office. 55 members of the Mahila Samiti participated and all of them brought their own well decorated 'Laddu Gopal' to the event. Both the events were very much enjoyed by all participants



On 24th November 2018, Siligudi Mahila Samiti celebrated Diwali with nearly 65 boys and girls from 2 Ekal Schools in a village in Naxalbari Anchal. Lunch was arranged for everyone. The program highly appreciated by all participants from the Samiti as well as from the schools

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Ahmedabad Mahila Samiti,



Ahmedabad Mahila Samiti had organized a VanYatra to Jhalod Gram on 11th August, They visited 4 Ekal schools, met approx 200 children and distributed clothes, note books, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, lunch boxes, sweets, napkins, biscuits & chocolates to them. They also organized Desh Bhakti Geet Pratiyogita in all schools & gave prizes to the winners.



Bringing out the importance of trees in our lives, the members planted saplings in Chasia Gram to encourage the green habit amongst the villagers.

During the Van Yatra Ahmadabad Mahila Samiti members also celebrated Rakhi festival with purnkalin aacharyas & gave gifts to them.

Ahmedabad Mahila Samiti organized a Deepavali Sneh Milan celebration for their members.



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Indore Mahila Samiti,



सपनों की उड़ान , मस्ती का मेला :

वनबन्धु परिषद् महिला समिति, इंदौर द्वारा दिनांक १७/८/१८ को स्थानीय दस्तूर गार्डन में एक भव्य प्रदर्शनी लगाई गई, जिसमें इंदौर सहित देहली, मुंबई एवं कोलकता की महिला उद्यमीयो ने अपने डिजाईनर ड्रेसस व अन्य आकर्षक उत्पादनों का प्रदर्शन किया, जिसे आगंतुको ने बहुत पसंद करते हुए खरीददारी भी करी ।



संच - निवाली, ग्राम - झरिमता,
अंचल - सेंधवा में वनयात्रा की पहल
श्रीमती विद्या मुछाल द्वारा की गई ।
महिला समिति, इंदौर द्वारा दिनांक
३/११/१८ को गांव के बच्चों के साथ
दिवाली मना कर उन्हें खुशियां बाटने
का संकल्प किया । आचार्य के घर के
आगे दिए जलाये गये, रंगोली डाली

गई, बन्दनवार लगाया तथा गांव के सभी घर-घर जाकर लड्डू का आधे किलो का डिब्बा, एक साड़ी, बन्दनवार, दिए, तेल, रंगोली दि गई ।

WEST ZONE

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इंदौर चैप्टर महिला समिति द्वारा दिनांक ६/११/२०१८ को सखी संगम की छठवे ROUND की शुरुवात दीपावली पर्व मनाकर हर्ष-उल्लास के साथ की गई। कुल १३४ महिलाये सदस्य बनी और १०० महिलाये उपस्थित थीं। सभी से सदस्यता फार्म भरवाए गये। लक्ष्मी जी की तस्वीर के सामने दीप प्रज्वलित किय गया। सभी का स्व-परिचय किया गया। सभी नई सदस्या इस ग्रुप से जुड़कर काफी प्रसन्न थी और भी कई कतार में है।



Bhopal Mahila Samiti,



वनबंधु परिषद भोपाल चैप्टर महिला समिति द्वारा श्रावण मास के पावन पर्व पर दिनांक 7 अगस्त, एकल अभियान कार्यालय, पुष्पा नगर में रक्षाबंधन कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। रक्षाबंधन कार्यक्रम में महिला समिति की बहनों द्वारा बरेली, गुना, ग्वालियर, मुरैना शिवपुरी अंचल एवं मध्यभारत भाग/संभाग के 35 सेवावृत्ति कार्यकर्ताओं की कलाई पर रक्षासूत्र बाँधकर उपहार भेंट किए गये।

बरेली अंचल के समस्त आचार्यों को 300 राखी भेजी गई। एवं अंचल समिति की बहनों द्वारा अंचल के सेवावृत्ति कार्यकर्ता एवं आचार्य भाईयों की कलाईयों पर रक्षासूत्र बांधे गये। आयोजित कार्यक्रम में महिला समिति की समस्त बहनों ने भाग लिया, कार्यक्रम के अंत में सचिव श्रीमती संध्या अग्रवाल ने उपस्थित सभी बहनों का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए धन्यवाद दिया।

WEST ZONE

Events and Projects, August to November 2018

Pune Mahila Samiti,



A Mega Event 'Happy Menopause' was organized by Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune on 9th October 2018. The program was very successful. Speeches by Dr Mukta Umarji, Dr Sujay Lodha and Anjali Tapadia were liked and highly appreciated by members as well as guests in the audience as they were addressing very important issues related to lives of women. Many members of Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune along with members of 'We Support Tribals' group enthusiastically participated in organizing the Mega Event.

Anjali Tapdia and Shobhana Paranjpye, both members of Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune were part of the Ekal Pune team which interacted with Nihilent Technologies for CSR donation. On 8th May'18, the Team did a presentation

before them. Question-Answer session was successfully handled by Anjali Tapadia and Shobhana Paranjpye. This effort resulted in Ekal Pune getting commitment of CSR donation of Rs.54 lakh for 270 Ekal Schools. On 27th September 2018 we actually received the donation of Rs.54 lakh for 270 Ekal Schools plus Rs.13.5 lakh for sports and other recreational activities as per MOU with them



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Pune Mahila Samiti,



As suggested by Rashtriya Mahila Samiti, a **Digital Literacy Program** was conducted from **26th to 30th November 2018** for members of Ekal Mahila Samiti and members of 'We Support Tribals' group which was attended by 18 ladies. The programme was very much liked and appreciated by all the participants. This programme was conducted by Mahila Samiti Ekal Pune, in collaboration with SEED Infotech and Rotary Club of Pune University. The program was initiated by Mahila Samiti member Shobhana Paranjpye who is also a member of Rotary. All 20 Participants were issued Certificates on completion of the course. 4 members of the Core Committee of Ekal Pune namely President Anjali Tapadia, Joint Secretary Rachana Bhutada, Mridula Rathi and Dr. Sunanda Palkar also attended and successfully completed the course.

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Surat Mahila Samiti,



Surat Ekal Mahila Samiti, participated on a grand scale in the program in which various NGO's together unfurled an 1100 meter long Tricolour Flag on 15th Aug.2018. Ekal Mahila Samiti and its Yuva Manch along with artists from Ekal Sur-Taal gave a live performance of Ekal Sangeet and Patriotic songs, before over 20000 people who were overwhelmed by its fervor. This was a historic and unique performance.



On 6th August, members of Surat Ekal Mahila Samiti celebrated Raksha Bandhan with Purna Kaleen Karyakartas and Acharyas at Songarh. Nearly 150 people participated in the program including Vaishali Biyani, Chairman of Songarh Gram Samiti and about 25 members of Songarh Mahila Samiti. Gifts were distributed to the Karyakartas, and information about Ekal was shared with everyone.

SOUTH ZONE

Events and Projects, August to November 2018

Bangalore Mahila Samiti,



On the 6th of October, the South Zone Meet was held in Bangalore. It was attended by members from Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Kochi

The FTS National Mahila Samiti President Smt. Geetaji Mundhra, National Secretary Smt. Lataji Malpani Zonal President Smt. Vimalaji Damani graced the meeting with their presence and shared their valuable knowledge on raffle schemes, tambola events etc. The working of each chapter was discussed and ideas shared.



The Mahila Samiti, conducted its regular monthly meeting on 29th Nov. at the Rotary hall Lavelle Road which was attended by 115 ladies which including members and guests. The afternoon started off with a useful and informative documentary on the 'zero waste life style' of Miss Deepa that was screened by President Saritaji. This was highly appreciated by the audience. A very popular mono act show 'Main kaikeyee' by a dynamic artist Anjana Chandak was the highlight of the afternoon. Bringing out the importance of Sankranti, an appeal was made to contribute to the Sankranti collection was made and acknowledged. Some of the guests won prizes in the lucky draw. The meeting was followed by high tea. Five new members were registered in the Samiti. All in all it was a successful meeting.

SOUTH ZONE

Events and Projects, August to November 2018

Chennai Mahila Samiti,

Ekal Mahila Samiti, Chennai organized its annual exhibition, the much awaited FTS Diwali Bazaar on 11th and 12th October '18, which was inaugurated by Mrs.Sonia Singh, Mrs. India Goodwill Ambassador 2018.



There were 50 stall at this event, where household goods, fashion apparels and many other items from across India were displayed for sale. The stall managed by the Chennai Mahila Samiti had 65 items for sale. The Ekal Yuva team of Chennai displayed Re-usable Sanitary Pads. The total earning from the exhibition was Rs.4,65,100/-, which included a profit of Rs.1,70,000 from the Mahila Samiti's stall. We also received sponsorships of Rs.25 lakhs. The event was a grand success.



Mahila Samiti conducted a Vanyatra to Kolli Hills on the 18th & 19th of Sept '18. A group of 13 members visited Vasalorpatty and Sekkuparaipatty villages and met the Sanch Pramukh J. Chitra. Members chanted Om and the Gayatri Mantra along with the children. Children displayed their artistic skills in dancing, singing, yoga and dramatics. Raincoats and sweets were given to the children and Acharyas. On the way back, members attended a meeting organized by Smt. Saboo at her residence. Mrs. Lata Malpani, National General Secretary of Rashtriya Mahila Samiti, briefed them about the objectives of Ekal Abhiyan. A few members took interest to form a Mahila Samiti in Salem District. This was a very successful program.

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Hyderabad Mahila Samiti,



The FTS Mahila Samiti, Hyderabad organised a **Vanyatra** on 23rd Aug, '18 in the village Mettakodur, near Pargi, Telangana. The timing was 1-9pm. The programme chalked out was: Sapling plantation, Wall Writing, Raksha Bandhan Karyakram, School visit, Gram Vikas & Samiti Baithak. 4 new members were introduced and added to our Samiti. We had taken snacks (samosa, laddus, and biscuits), books and stationery for the children.

We tied Rakhis to the karyakartas. The children gathered and narrated multiplication tables and chanted mantras and hymns. What a lovely sight it was! The guests were floored and instantly decided to join the Mahila Samiti and gave cash sponsorship too.

Hyderabad Mahila Samiti had an the opportunity to meet Ma & Bapuji on 27th September, '18 and be a part of the felicitation ceremony held in his honour after he was awarded the Padma Shri. He spoke from his heart; inspired the members to serve and give back to our roots and our soil.

29th Sept was a busy day, filled with lots of verve & excitement. It was the second Anniversary Celebration of FTS, Hyderabad.

Ekal Yuva Manch of Hyderabad Mahila Samiti was launched on this day. Flagging off 'Ekal on Wheels' was also done. All the members and guests were present with their family and friends.



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On 19th October, 2018 a Fund Raiser Movie Screening Event was held at INOX for the Hindi movie "Badhaai Ho". More than 350 tickets were sold and 2 full screens were booked and the guests were served yummy snacks too. It was a super successful event which was appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by all members, family and their friends. An **Online Selfie Karva Chauth** contest was held, where the members were asked to send a selfie with their immediate family. Members enjoyed the contest and we chose 2 winners. Such fun events keep the group lively.

Kochi Mahila Samiti,



On 6th October, 5 members of the Kochi Mahila Samiti participated in the south zone Mahila Samiti meet at Bangalore. It was a great and memorable meet for all the members as many important schemes like raffle schemes, conduct of tambola as fund raiser. Ekal on Wheels were explained in detail to the participants.

Using this knowledge Mahila Samiti for the first time organised a tambola game as a fund raiser to raise funds for Sankranti gifts for Karyakarthis on the occasion of Diwali Milan held on 20th November at BTH, Ernakulam,



End of Report

