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JOINT WOMEN'S PROGRAMME



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-23

Since its inception, the Joint Women's Programme has based its work on the truth that a woman's problem is a socio-cultural economic problem, a community problem. Therefore, community participation in the struggle for change in the status of women is necessary. It envisions itself as a movement of and by women, men, and children seeking the freedom to express their identity and act together to combat all negative conditions like gender discrimination and violence, in order to establish a just society.

Being one of the earliest advocates for women's and children's rights in India, JWP began its journey in 1977 as a forum to address the need for constitutional justice and equality.



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DIRECTOR'S NOTE



The members of the Joint Women's Programme are glad and relieved that, despite the setbacks caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been able to continue our work in education, empowerment, and gender justice throughout this period. We have also had the time to evaluate the losses we have incurred in the field of learning for women, children, and the community.

The year 2022-2023 has been primarily dedicated to making changes in our programme infrastructure, funding possibilities, and adapting to the use of appropriate technology in our education, skill training, sensitization, and outreach programmes for the communities.

Our colleagues had to be taught new ways to communicate with women, children and adolescents, who are fundamental to our programmes on education, skill training for employability, environmental and community development. This applies to both urban and rural areas, with emphasis on women farmers and the use of appropriate technology for agriculture.

Despite financial and other challenges, JWP has been successful in establishing partnerships with several local organisations working on similar issues. We have engaged with them to highlight gender concerns, community participation and child rights, opening up new avenues for collaborative development action across all the States in which JWP operates..

We have recognized the increasing importance of ensuring the safety of women and children, both in domestic and social spheres. We have addressed issues of sexual assault and abuse, workplace harassment, trafficking, drug abuse and unemployment, as these factors hinder the overall process of social progress.

Our colleagues, community members, friends and supporters have stood by us, enabling us to persevere, despite difficulties, in our endeavours. Our staff has consistently shown their willingness to take up any responsibility given to them in support of justice and equal rights. They have also worked to create a healthy and happy environment conducive to equitable growth and prosperity.

Dr. Jyotsna Chatterji
Director
Joint Women's Programme

ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S NOTE

After facing Pandemic fears, restrictions, inactivity and resource constraints in the past year (2022 – 23), JWP has gradually returned to normalcy with members of our organization rededicating themselves to their respective roles.

Despite passing through a very challenging time, our constant endeavour to rejuvenate and reinvent our projects to stay relevant never stopped. On the contrary, we made good use of the quieter period by engaging in discussions about ideas and proposals for new micro-projects. We are delighted to see that these plans have borne fruit, and some baby steps have already been taken in these projects.

One of our noteworthy initiatives 'Jal Jangal aur Mahila' project in Uttarakhand has been manufacturing and distributing specially designed, lightweight, women-friendly farm tools to reduce the drudgery of farm work. Another significant innovation has been the design and production of smokeless 'chulha', an environmentally friendly cooking stove for remote hilly areas, after many trials and errors. This achievement is a matter of great pride and satisfaction and a feather in the cap of JWP!

Continuing our efforts towards 'zero waste' and to reduce cloth waste from our tailoring centre ending up in landfills, we have launched the 'Katran Ka Kamal' project, which turns waste cloth into many useful items, and even generates a small profit. Kudos to us! Usha Silai Centre under 'Kushalta Ka Ek Kadam', is a similar initiative in which unemployed youth, including school dropouts, are being trained in making paper bags from newspaper and cloth waste. (Please refer to context)

Several college interns have been occasionally working with us, learning about our vision and concerns, while helping adolescent girls and women with health and skill development issues.

Some literate women from the nearby community, including our former students, approached us with the following requests:

- a. To start computer classes, specifically for girls.
- b. To help them in enrolling their children in Delhi University SOL programmes, IGNOU and NIOS.

This is a remarkable transformation, coming from the women and girls in a community marked by glaring gender inequality and discrimination. To fulfill the wishes of the local community and children, we have launched a new program at our centre - free coaching for NIOS aspirants, including assistance with admissions to IGNOU.



Mrs. Padmini Kumar
Associate Director
Joint Women's Programme

INTRODUCTION

The Joint Women's Programme has been relentlessly working in the field of women and child development since its inception in 1977. Headed by Dr. Jyotsna Chatterji, the founder, it is a movement dedicated to women's freedom and identity. It believes in creating a society where women are equal partners with men.

JWP encourages women, men, and children to join the endeavour to protect the lives and dignity of all. On April 26, 2004, it was officially registered as a Society in Delhi under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

JWP actively promotes issue-based campaigns and networking among women's groups and others at the local, regional and national levels. As a non-profit, secular, and rights-based organization, JWP collaborates with the government, law enforcement agencies, civil society organizations, grassroots organizations, and concerned individuals to advance the cause of women's and children's human rights. For JWP, the women's question in India encompasses not only gender but also the interrelated phenomena of caste, class, ethnicity, culture and religion, which leads to discrimination and exploitation. These complexities require careful consideration. To inform, analyze, and build the capacity of functionaries, JWP organizes seminars, conferences, and workshops aiming to promote necessary actions. "Our goal is to empower women and children to lead informed and safer lives."

In the context of children, JWP recognizes that child rights, for both boys and girls, must be prioritized in India's development process. Its initiatives are therefore designed to ensure holistic procedures, laws, interventions, and infrastructure that guarantee every child's survival, protection, growth, and participation, regardless of gender, caste, class, or religion.



VISION AND MISSION

The Joint Women's Programme is a non-profit and right-based organization. It works to empower women and children by building a movement for freedom from violence in all its forms. JWP has been developing platforms through various activities where anyone can participate and express themselves in the way they want to work for constitutional rights. It has been creating awareness in the community and within the law and order machinery about a healthier and violence-free democratic society.

JWP has an active presence in both urban and rural areas, including urban villages. With an emphasis on research, raising awareness, the need for policy change, and gender sensitization through grassroots organizing, JWP conducts issue-based meetings and networks at the regional and national levels among women's groups, children, and other members of the community. Systematic research and documentation, cultural activities, seminars, conferences and workshops related to empowerment are some of the means of awareness-generation and action, employed by the organization. Providing issue-based legal information and support, especially for battered women, has also been an important function of JWP.





With the aim of nurturing and promoting the role of ordinary women in the decision-making process at different levels, JWP has played an important role in contemporary issues related to women, such as the demand for 33% reservation of seats for women in Parliament – the Women's Reservation Bill. It has actively participated in national and international campaigns against rape and various forms of gender-based violence. JWP has, where relevant, linked up with like-minded national campaigns, for example, Clean India Campaign, Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao Campaign, Bell Bajao Campaign, and initiated the campaign 'Hame Jeene Do'. JWP has extended its support to the government, corporate and educational institutions as trainers in gender concerns and as members of sexual harassment complaint committees.

Other functions of JWP are related to education and skill-building programmes for women and children. The organization conducts adult education programmes for adults, teenagers and school dropout children. It provides computer education to the youth and to school dropouts. Skills are an important part of any person's dignity and economic well-being. Thus, JWP conducts skill training programmes such as tailoring, designing, durr-y-making, nutritious cooking, and training in beautician skills among women and young girls. It has recently started a programme to train rural women in Kausani, Uttarakhand in making agricultural implements.



Child education and protection are major concerns of JWP. Therefore, the organization operates education and protection centres for children in slums and rural areas, such as Mera Sahara in Nithari Village, Noida, UP and others in Delhi, Kolkata, Faridabad and Kausani in Uttarakhand. JWP centres provide a safe, healthy and happy environment for children to learn and grow, fostering a sense of safety and togetherness. Another key function of the organization involves providing nutritious food to school children, in collaboration with other institutions. At the start of each academic year, JWP organizes a two-day teacher training programme for the staff at the Mera Sahara Centre.



Teachers play a very important role in the lives of the students, therefore, it is essential for the organization's ethos to train teachers to embody and uphold the vision and mission of the organization.



CURRENT FOCUS

Learning : Education (for children)

1) Non-formal education: Both academic and extracurricular like IT classes, sports, and Kathak dance.

2) Environmental and Sanitary awareness

3) Social awareness, including community life, interpersonal relationships, and domestic and social violence.

Living : Methods of earning and sustaining livelihoods (for adolescence and women)

1) Skill building: Tailoring and embroidery, nutritious cooking, beautician course, etc. for the women of Nithari and various survivors of domestic violence.

2) Training for teachers for the 'Mera Sahara' Centres.

3) Self Help Groups: Economic empowerment and sustainability.



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OUR CENTER

In several Indian states JWP has been working to further its mission of gender justice and socio-economic gender development for the community, especially children. Our centres are in:

- **NITHARI , NOIDA :** This is our main field office, which is also home to the JWP 's Mera Sahara Protection and Learning Centre. It also houses the Usha Silai School, the Adult Education and Skill Training Programme and IGNOU Programme for adolescents. The Centre is managed by Ms. Bimla Patni and the teachers of Mera Sahara.



- **FARIDABAD , HARYAN :** The JWP 'Mehka Angan' Centre in Faridabad is headed by our coordinator Ms. Nishi Kinger. This centre covers women and girls from seven neighbouring resettlement colonies. It offers adult education and legal literacy classes, along with a dedicated skill training programme in tailoring and cooking. The tailoring unit has proven successful in raising awareness among women about the importance of their economic empowerment. The items produced here are sold in the market, helping these women to become economically self-reliant. Upgraded cooking classes have also enabled domestic workers to earn higher wages as trained cooks.



Mehka Angan at Faridabad

This Centre is actively engaged in skill development activities, focusing on enhancing the cooking skills of domestic cooks, offering beauty parlour courses and providing training in tailoring. Certificates of completion are awarded to those who successfully finish these courses. Some of our students have gone on to establish their own beauty parlours, secure employment as cooks and pursue careers as tailors.

- **KASAUNI , UTTARAKHAND :** The JWP 'Chandra Pranam' Centre in Kausani is primarily a skill-based programme, focusing on imparting skills to women, and is overseen by our coordinator Ms. Prema Joshi. It also offers durry and shawl making classes for single women, mothers and widows. The products created in these classes are then sold in the market. The Centre also conducts gender sensitization programmes.

The Uttarakhand project aims to foster skill development along with adult literacy and legal awareness programmes, with a primary focus on women's rights. The skill training programme has also helped us in empowering women to make small agricultural tools, meeting the demands of the local women. Regular meetings with the community provide a platform to discuss local problems and find ways to address the individual needs. These gatherings also provide an opportunity for community members to interact, communicate, observe and learn from each other.



Members of the Uttarakhand Kausani Centre have been actively conducting sessions for women farmers. The Project has invited resource persons from other organizations and experts working with orphaned children, local

government functionaries and social workers from surrounding areas to enhance their own programmes. The Project regularly organizes meetings for single mothers (as several men migrate to the towns and villages, leaving women as heads of their families) to emphasize the importance of education for social and economic empowerment.

EDUCATION

As COVID pandemic restrictions have been slowly easing and fresh energy is brightening the lives of daily wage workers and others with possibilities of employment opportunities, several children have begun to return to their studies. This has brought cheer into their lives, and new activities have been planned and implemented at the ongoing Mera Sahara Projects.

Orientation sessions with teachers, community members and staff have been held. The roster for meetings, teacher's schedules and nutrition timings for the children were discussed in these sessions. During these meetings, the number of families who had returned to the area were also assessed. We were pleased to note that majority of the children had come back to our Centre to continue their education.



Mera Sahara Center, Nithari Village, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.

Our concerns with regard to the children's unfinished lessons, disconnected teaching routines, and nourishment requirements needed to be addressed, and we met several times to replan. Our first step was to assess the children's capabilities and needs. We also needed to determine whether the online classes we had been conducting had made any impact on their learning abilities.



We also needed to assess the capacity of the children who remained with us. Unfortunately, many children who had gone back to their villages did not return due to financial difficulties.

It was essential to recognize whether online classes had brought about changes in their learning abilities. Children in 2nd 3rd and 4th std were given a refresher time table to get them back on track. Some older children who could manage to attend online classes were in a better position. Report cards were given to students who had completed their exams.

We, at Mera Sahara Centres, had to reorient ourselves to address the new set of challenges in the literacy / education programme.

5th April 2022-Community Meeting on Family Planning at Mera Sahara

Efforts to hold monthly community meetings with members of Mera Sahara have been ongoing. These meetings address a range of issues such as spacing births of children, violence and domestic discord, as these affect children adversely.

Family planning meetings have led to the community primarily raising questions on nutrition for pregnant mothers, and mental health issues. Our observations during these interactive sessions regarding the number of children per family indicate that parents have begun to realize the importance of having only 2 children. However, we still find that around 60 percent of families have a 3rd child if the first two are girls. Nonetheless, there has been a reduction in the number of child births per family in the community over the last 8 to 9 years. In some cases, women have started taking decisions on family planning with their husbands.

AWARENESS & CELEBRATION

WORLD HEALTH DAY

7th April 2022- Installation of sanitary pad dispenser followed by a talk on Menstrual Hygiene conducted by Ms. Shefali Mehta



Ms. Shefali Mehta, a volunteer, visited the Mera Sahara Centre in Noida to give a talk on menstrual hygiene. She highlighted the fact that adolescent children, community members and mothers often hesitate to have a conversation on this subject. Ms. Mehta encouraged young girls and boys to break the silence and openly discuss this important topic. The discussions on menstrual hygiene paved the way for further positive conversations, primarily on health complications and cure.

The session was inaugurated with the installation of a sanitary pad dispenser at the Centre, donated by Ms. Mehta.

WORLD WATER AND EARTH DAY

23rd April 2022- A drawing competition and tree plantation event was held at the Mera Sahara Centre in Nithari. During this event, the issues of water conservation and the challenges of water shortage in rapidly expanding cities were discussed with teachers and community leaders.

Additionally, the struggles of women in Uttarakhand related to water resources required for farming and household work, were also addressed. The discussion also covered remote villages which lack access to potable water, highlighting how carrying water for their homes from huge distances can impact the daily lives and education of older children. It was decided to explore various possibilities to see how these problems can be tackled.



RECYCLE, REUSE & REDUCE

28th May 2022- One of our teachers, Ms. Preeti Singh, demonstrated to the children how to make newspaper bags and paper pens. The children were also taught the significance of proper sanitation and the merits of maintaining a healthy and clean environment. The programme also included a discussion on reducing the usage of single-use plastics, promoting the concept of 'Reduce and Recycle'.



Efforts are being made to make children aware of the concept of 'Recycle and Reuse' in order to save the environment. The making of paper pens was undertaken in collaboration with Enactus, Kirori Mal College, Delhi University, as part of their Project Sihai.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

15th August 2022- Shri Ram Kumar Sharma, a prominent community leader, was invited to be the Chief Guest and hoist the National Flag during the Independence Day Celebrations at our Centre. Entertainment programmes were organized for the children, and prizes and sweets were distributed.

TEACHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

5th September 2022- *Dr. Jyotsna Chatterji* addressed the students and teachers. After the program small token gifts were distributed to all our teachers.

Dr. Chatterji, spoke on the significance of the relationship between the teachers and students. She emphasized the vital role teachers play in the holistic development of the child and that teachers need to be well-informed, capable of imparting new information and skilled at encouraging discipline in young minds. They must also have the capacity to sympathetically and patiently correct and lead. The student, on the other hand, needs to be respectful, have an open mind and be ready and willing to absorb and learn.





REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

25 January 2023 : Republic Day and Basant Panchami were celebrated together at the Mera Sahara Centre , with children and community members. Major Suleka Sharma was our esteemed Chief Guest and was invited to hoist the National Flag. She spoke about the significance of “Independence Day”, and the Indian Constitution’s principles of freedom and equality. Major Sharma also emphasized the responsibilities that children and the community bear towards the country and its people.



ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION

30th April 2022- At the Ishaan Music College in Sector 12, Noida. We showcased our children's talents during the Annual Day celebration. The excellent cooperation and involvement of both teachers and students brought out the best talents. A vibrant cultural entertainment programme was organized, and the guests and community members greatly appreciated the performances.



A brief note on our diverse work was presented by Ms. Padmini Kumar, the Asst. Director of JWP. The Chief Guests for the event included Col. Prem Mahajan, an Army Veteran, Mr. Mahesh Saxena, the Founder of Noida Lok Manch, and Mr. Ranjan Tomar, an RTI Activist and President of NOVRA. The guests appreciated the efforts and the wide range of work undertaken by Joint Women's Programme on empowerment.





COLLABORATIONS

Salaam Namaste Radio June -July 2022



JWP, in partnership with the Lioness Club Jagriti, organized a day-long health check-up event for women in their 3rd and 4th trimester, “Swastha Maa - Swastha Baccha”. Dr. Afreen from Neo Hospital, Noida graciously

conducted a session on pre and post-natal care and many other gynaecological issues, offering valuable health tips for both the mother and child. A session on Menstrual Health, Menopause, and measures to be taken for timely cancer detection was also held.

The Lioness Club Jagriti, distributed baby blankets crafted out of waste materials. These blankets were stitched in our JWP Skill Centre with the assistance of students from the Usha Silai School.



Khaitan Public School 27th July 2022 - 15 children and 2 teachers of the Khaitan Public School, Noida paid a visit to our Centre in Nithari, Noida, as part of their social outreach programme. During their visit, they kindly donated an Electric Water Dispenser for the children.



Salam Namaste 29th July 2022- JWP, in collaboration with Salaam Namaste, a local Community Radio program, organized a community meeting addressing the challenges of Women and Child health. The discussion covered many issues related to the mental health of a mother and its impact on the health of both the child and family. Many new mothers experiencing postpartum conditions participated in the event and their concerns were also addressed. Key topics like nutrition and mental health, which play an important part in the development of a child, were discussed extensively with the attending mothers.

The mothers actively participated during the interactive session and gave useful solutions. For JWP and its projects, the development of a child is interwoven with his/her mother's health, and both aspects are a unit to be addressed together.

Ms. Monica Raghavan and Mahima Joshi Colleges occasionally refer
Colleges occasionally refer students and interns to JWP. Ms Raghavan and Ms Joshi taught English conversation to our children as a part of their participation. They also made a short video detailing this entire process.

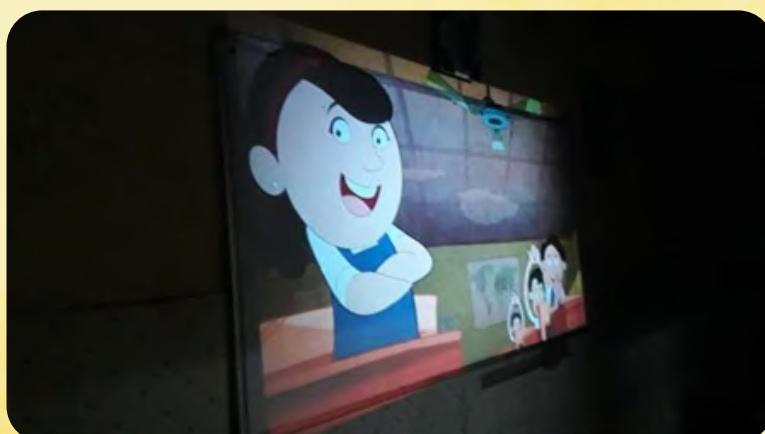
HCL and Noida Authority Mela 17th September 2022 - Our tailoring centre participated in a mela, 'Katraan ka Kamaa', organized by HCL Foundation and Noida Authority. At the event, pouches, bags, aprons, kitchen gloves and many other items made out of waste cloth were displayed. The paper pens crafted by our children were a big hit with the visitors.



Late Ms. Suraiya Durrani Condolence meeting 25th September 2022-

JWP participated in a Condolence meeting and programme in memory of Late Ms. Suraiya Durrani, a colleague. Her Hindi poems on women as mothers and girls, which had been originally published for internal circulation by JWP, was shared among friends and attendees as a tribute to her work.

Childline Foundation 30th September 2022- The monthly community meeting addressed the important issue of children's safety and child sexual abuse. The discussion was facilitated with the aid of an animated documentary created by Childline Foundation. An engaging session of questions & answers followed the documentary.



OUR VOICES

• TEACHER'S REMARKS

GAYATRI SHARMA



I have learnt a lot after coming here and listening to the Director regarding the roles and rights of women and children, as well as the stories of helpless, uneducated and hard-working children. JWP has given me the opportunity to help and teach kids who have faced domestic violence, alcoholism and neglect. This has given me an experience of a lifetime. Teaching children and seeing their success, especially when they go on to enroll in higher educational institutes, brings me immense happiness.

RENU CHAUDHARY

I have been working with JWP for the past 14 years. In all these years I have heard several women talking about their children, their domestic problems, wife beatings, loneliness, and even some instances of being thrown out of their homes. There have also been complaints from some male members and instances of verbal abuse. Our centre has played a crucial role in supporting children facing these challenges and helping them to complete their studies. Teaching older girls how to look after themselves while pursuing their education has been a challenge, and a learning and growth process for me.



RUBINA



I handle the primary school services at JWP. I reside within the community, which allows me to come across stories of children whose mothers are domestic workers and are victims of abuse. These children and mothers face domestic violence from both women and men in their families, leaving a profound impact on the children. The JWP centre provides these children with a refuge for their mind and body, and helps them to escape from these issues temporarily. In the centre they learn to be just kids, to study and enjoy life together. We need to guide and protect them, along with educating them. I have learned through these experiences, and strive to promote gender justice.

PREETI SINGH

I look after the Nursery and Upper KG children, and I also teach them dance and music. We organize dance and singing competitions for the kids every two or three months to showcase their talent. I think kids really adore me and I also love them. This programme plays an important role in helping children who are begging and roaming around in the streets.



JWP has changed my life for the better. My problems seem small when compared with what these children are facing. I have understood that we should love and teach these kids, and interact with their parents regularly so that they don't feel neglected and can reach out if they need help and counselling. Our Centre is more like a home to these kids, and their mothers feel safe sending them here.

The Centre also helps children understand about the bad influences they might face in their life. We emphasize to the kids and their parents the significance of education. Some students who struggle with their studies need individual attention, which I provide happily.

MANISHA SHARMA



I have been a part of this centre since 2007. In the beginning the kids here didn't want to study, as they used to beg and collect waste for a living. But slowly, we started teaching them and making them aware about the importance of good education and health. We taught them basic hygiene practices like brushing their teeth and taking a bath, which made their parents happy. Seeing this, many more children started joining our centre to learn and play.

We also provide our kids with breakfast and lunch ensuring they receive a healthy meal and return home happy and safe.

Meanwhile, at our Adult Education Centre, women were facing many challenges, including domestic violence and financial instability. Some of their husbands would forcefully take their hard-earned money to purchase alcohol. We encouraged these women to gain the skills to earn a living independently and to recognize their own importance within their families.

SANTOSH BHANDARI

I have been with the centre since 2010, where I teach tailoring courses to women and girls, equipping them with the skills required for an alternative means of livelihood. We teach them to make ladies and children garments, and also instruct them on how to interact with shops where they can sell their products.

Through these tailoring classes, we make them aware of their equal rights, through regular meetings and discussions. These interactions and the responses of the women and girls, have been a great learning experience for me. Usha Silai School has collaborated with us and helped us in this endeavour.





RAKESH KUMAR

I have been associated with the JWP computer programme for the past 5 years. During this time, around 500 children have learnt computers from our centre. These children have not only acquired computer skills but have also learnt the importance of being financially independent. After learning from our centre, many of these children secured jobs and were able to support themselves and their families.

• YOUNG INTERNS CONCERNS

VANSHIKA GUPTA

I have recently joined Mera Sahara Centre as an intern. I was enthusiastic to work here because of the ideals and vision the centre upholds. It is a delight to teach the children in this institution. The experiences I have had in the little time I have been here have taught me so many lessons for life. However, after I began teaching in the centre I learned that even though the teachers



started teaching the kids about equality and rights, the pandemic has led to several aspects being overlooked. I believe the centre needs to relearn simple and small changes like "Raj is cooking dinner" and "Sunita is playing cricket". These minor changes can make a huge difference in the collective goal of equality. Equal gender must be exercised. We need to remind ourselves of these little changes and ensure equal empowerment initiatives.

JASSIMMRAT KAUR

Another intern, Jassimrat Kaur, has interacted several times with married women and adolescent girls on topics related to women's health, mental well-being and the physical changes that occur in their bodies.

EVENT CALENDER

August
2022

→ **18th August 2022-** Janmashtami Celebration

Children learnt about Janmashtami and why it is celebrated. A small play was organized, which was much appreciated. Sweets were distributed to everyone and there was a lot of enjoyment.



→ **27th August 2022-** The School Library which was in the

old centre has shifted to the new building. This Library was started to attract boys and girls to use their free time to read material other than their classroom books.



October
2022

→ **2nd October 2022-** A drawing competition was held at our centre on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, for children of classes 2 to 4.

→ **24th October 2022-** The Centre highlighted the significance of Diwali and held a Diwali Function.

→ **31st October 2022-** The monthly community meeting was held, with a discussion on health and hygiene and its importance to the community.

November 2022

→ **2nd November 2022-** The first community meeting highlighted discussions on violence education and legal rights, with an emphasis on availability of legal resources. This was led by Advocate Seema Durrani. Women had time to discuss their personal legal problems and Advocate Seema Durrani provided them with legal solutions.

→ **14th November 2022-** Children's Day was celebrated at our Mera Sahara Centre with Ms. Bimla Patni talking about the rights of children.

→ **25th November 2022-** On the Spot drawing competition was held for local schools in Mera Sahara centre. The competition was to create awareness about Cancer and its causes. Our children, along with 22 other children, participated in the same. This was organized with the help of Salaam Namaste Radio, a local community programme.

December 2022

→ **2nd December 2022-** Blanket distribution programme for our Mera Sahara children and their families. We distributed 150 blankets.

→ **13th December 2022-** Joint Women's Programme participated in an exhibition organized at Bal Sahyog, New Delhi. JWP exhibited handmade bags and other items prepared by their women groups.

→ **16th December 2022-** A meeting was organized for our children, adolescent boys and girls, to discuss the POCSO Act 2012. We also showed them an episode of Satyamev Jayate on child sexual abuse with 3 case studies and a workshop.

→ **18th December 2022-** Joint Women's Programme's team from Kausani, Uttarakhand participated in the "Fleece and Fiber" festival held at Triveni Kala Sangam, at Mandi House, New Delhi, and shared their handmade exhibits.

→ **23rd December 2022-** We distributed 36 baby blankets and 12 baby woollen dresses, which had been donated to JWP, to our creche children.

→ **24th December 2022-** We celebrated Christmas with the children of our Mera Sahara Centre.



→ **28th December 2022-** Cancer awareness campaign held at our Centre with the help of Salaam Namaste Radio, a local community programme.



January
2023

→ **5th January 2023 -** We organized a New Year's party for our staff and children at our Mera Sahara centre, and discussed the improvements required in the new year..

→ **13th January 2023 -** Children at our Mera Sahara centre made beautiful paper kites to celebrate Lohri and Makar Sankranti. We distributed peanuts and popcorn to all who participated.



➔ **18 & 19th January 2023** - JWP had visitors from the National Foundation of India at Nithari and our Faridabad centres to learn about our “Mera Sahara” projects.

➔ **27th January 2023** - A campaign was organized by Salaam Namaste Community Radio on the fight against Tuberculosis and its cure. This program was part of the Ayush Mantralay (Government of India) initiative to create information and awareness.



➔ **30th January 2023** - The centre organized a community meeting with a discussion on Mahatma Gandhiji and his contributions. A large number of people participated in the same. This was organized with the help of Salaam Namaste Community Rad

February
2023

➔ **10th February 2023** - We organized the parent- teacher meeting on the importance of education for adolescent girls and school dropouts. A need was felt for an in-depth evaluation of the children’s performance and ability to retain what they have learnt, and we are planning to do the same.

➔ **20th February 2023** - JWP organized a training on alternative livelihood opportunities and the development of entrepreneurship at our Mera Sahara centre. Ms. Durang Basu Mullick from Care India conducted the training which was very successful.

→ **22nd & 23rd February 2023** - Usha sales team conducted a 2-day training program for our students in the tailoring programme. Some new methods of sewing and design were also shared..



March
2023

→ **2nd March 2023** - Holi festival was celebrated. This program was supported by Cafe Wink.



→ **4th March 2023** - International Women's Day was celebrated at Noida stadium with the active NGO network, Noida. Our teachers participated in a ramp walk with slogans emphasizing women's dignity & empowerment. JWP won a Prize for their presentation.



→ **5th March 2023** - Joint Women's Programme bagged the second prize at the Saras Alivia Mela, 2023 held at Noida Haat. This programme was organized by the Village Care Foundation. Preeti and Reshma, our NIOS students, won the 2nd prize for their Haryanvi folk dance on the theme “female foeticide”.

→ **10th March 2023** - International Women 's Day celebrated at Jantar Mantar with the active NGO network.



→ **18th March 2023** - A workshop was organized on substance abuse, by the National Institute of Social Justice and Village Care Foundation. 28 children from our Mera Sahara centre attended this workshop.

→ **22nd March 2023** - World Water Day activities were held at our centre with a children's drawing competition on the importance of the proper use of water and its conservation, for the well-being of all the communities. Lectures were held in all our centres as water is a necessity for our survival and children of our community need to be made aware to use it mindfully.

→ **28th March 2023** - Monthly community meeting was held on domestic violence and the legal awareness for its prevention.

Impact- Post COVID JWP has impacted the well being and livelihood of approximately 1,500/- families across its 3 Mera Sahara Centres.

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